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This report summarizes the methods and sources of information used to prepare the Seismic Hazard Zone Map for the Alameda County portion of the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle. This map and report replace the map released in 2000 that covers only the City of Oakland. The map displays the boundaries of zones of required investigation for liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslides over an area of approximately 25 square miles at a scale of 1 inch = 2,000 feet.

The quadrangle includes Yerba Buena Island and part of Treasure Island on the west where land within the city and county of San Francisco was zoned in 2000. The boundary between Alameda and San Francisco counties trends northwesterly through the center of San Francisco Bay across the quadrangle. On the eastern side of the quadrangle, Official Seismic Hazard Zone maps covering the cities of Oakland and Piedmont were released in 2000. The current study completes seismic zoning within the Alameda County part of the quadrangle and includes the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville and Alameda. The flatland areas in these cities are heavily developed for residential and commercial use. Most of the hilly areas in Oakland and Berkeley also have been developed for residential use. Hillside areas are accessed by a system of steep, winding roads.

The map is prepared by employing geographic information system (GIS) technology, which allows the manipulation of three-dimensional data. Information considered includes topography, surface and subsurface geology, borehole data, historical ground-water levels, existing landslide features, slope gradient, rock-strength measurements, geologic structure, and probabilistic earthquake shaking estimates. The shaking inputs are based upon probabilistic seismic hazard maps that depict peak ground acceleration, mode magnitude, and mode distance with a 10 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years.

In the Oakland West Quadrangle the liquefaction zone covers most of the Alameda County land except for some of the higher elevation terrain in Berkeley and near the eastern boundary in Oakland. The scarcity of hilly terrain within the quadrangle results in less than one percent of the land area in the Oakland West Quadrangle lying within the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone.

How to view or obtain the map

Seismic Hazard Zone Maps, Seismic Hazard Zone Reports and additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California are available on the California Geological Survey's Internet page: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

Paper copies of Official Seismic Hazard Zone Maps, released by CGS, which depict zones of required investigation for liquefaction and/or earthquake-induced landslides, are available for purchase from:

BPS Reprographic Services
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Seismic Hazard Zone Reports (SHZR) summarize the development of the hazard zone map for each area and contain background documentation for use by site investigators and local government reviewers. These reports are available for reference at CGS offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. **NOTE: The reports are not available through BPS Reprographic Services.**

INTRODUCTION

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) [now called California Geological Survey (CGS)] to delineate seismic hazard zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use the seismic hazard zone maps in their land-use planning and permitting processes. They must withhold development permits for a site within a zone until the geologic and soil conditions of the project site are investigated and appropriate mitigation measures, if any, are incorporated into development plans. The Act also requires sellers (and their agents) of real property within a mapped hazard zone to disclose at the time of sale that the property lies within such a zone. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines adopted by the California State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) (DOC, 1997). The text of this report is on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/SHMPsp117.asp

The Act also directs SMGB to appoint and consult with the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act Advisory Committee (SHMAAC) in developing criteria for the preparation of the seismic hazard zone maps. SHMAAC consists of geologists, seismologists, civil and structural engineers, representatives of city and county governments, the state insurance commissioner and the insurance industry. In 1991 SMGB adopted initial criteria for delineating seismic hazard zones to promote uniform and effective statewide implementation of the Act. These initial criteria provide detailed standards for mapping regional liquefaction hazards. They also directed CGS to develop a set of probabilistic seismic maps for California and to research methods that might be appropriate for mapping earthquake-induced landslide hazards.

In 1996, working groups established by SHMAAC reviewed the prototype maps and the techniques used to create them. The reviews resulted in recommendations that 1) the process for zoning liquefaction hazards remain unchanged and 2) earthquake-induced landslide zones be delineated using a modified Newmark analysis.

This Seismic Hazard Zone Report summarizes the development of the hazard zone map. The process of zoning for liquefaction uses a combination of Quaternary geologic mapping, historical ground-water information, and subsurface geotechnical data. The process for zoning earthquake-induced landslides incorporates earthquake loading, existing landslide features, slope gradient, rock strength, and geologic structure. Probabilistic seismic hazard maps, which are the underpinning for delineating seismic hazard zones, have been prepared for peak ground acceleration, mode magnitude, and mode distance with a 10 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years (Petersen and others, 1996) in accordance with the mapping criteria.

This report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for potentially liquefiable soils and earthquake-induced landslides in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle.

SECTION 1
LIQUEFACTION EVALUATION REPORT

Liquefaction Zones in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Alameda County, California

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PURPOSE

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Following the release of DMG Special Publication 117 (DOC, 1997), agencies in the Los Angeles metropolitan region sought more definitive guidance in the review of geotechnical investigations addressing liquefaction hazards. The agencies made their request through the Geotechnical Engineering Group of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This group convened an implementation committee under the auspices of the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC). The committee, which consisted of practicing geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists, released an overview of the practice of liquefaction analysis, evaluation, and mitigation techniques (SCEC, 1999). This text is also on the Internet at: http://www.scec.org/

This section of the evaluation report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for liquefaction in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle. Seismic hazard zone mapping on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island, which are in the city and county of San Francisco, is summarized in CGS Open File Report (DOC 2000b). Official Seismic Hazard Zone maps covering the cities of Oakland and Piedmont were prepared in 1999 and released in March 2000 (DOC, 1999). The release of this new map and report includes the remaining areas within Alameda County on the Oakland West Quadrangle. The liquefaction zones of required investigation within the city of Oakland have been modified slightly, primarily because of the availability of new, more detailed Quaternary geologic mapping, new shallow ground-water data and a revised method of mapping the margins of the liquefaction zone of required investigation.

This section of the evaluation report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for potentially liquefiable soils in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle. Section 2 (addressing earthquake-induced landslides) and Section 3 (addressing potential ground shaking) complete the report, which is one of a series that summarizes production of similar seismic hazard zone maps within the state (Smith, 1996). Additional information on seismic hazards zone mapping in California is on CGS's Internet web page: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

BACKGROUND

Liquefaction-induced ground failure historically has been a major cause of earthquake damage in northern California. During the 1989 Loma Prieta and 1906 San Francisco earthquakes, significant damage to roads, utility pipelines, buildings, and other structures in the San Francisco Bay Area was caused by liquefaction-induced ground displacement.

Localities most susceptible to liquefaction-induced damage are underlain by loose, water-saturated, granular sediment within 40 feet of the ground surface. These geological and ground-water conditions are widespread in the San Francisco Bay Area, most notably in alluviated valley floodplains and around the margin of the bay. In addition, the potential for strong earthquake ground shaking is high because of the many nearby active faults. The combination of these factors constitutes a significant seismic hazard in the San Francisco Bay Area, including areas in the Oakland West Quadrangle.

METHODS SUMMARY

Characterization of liquefaction hazard presented in this report requires preparation of maps that delineate areas underlain by potentially liquefiable sediment. The following were collected or generated for this evaluation:

- Existing geologic maps were used to provide an accurate representation of the spatial distribution of Quaternary deposits in the study area. Geologic units that generally are susceptible to liquefaction include late Quaternary alluvial and fluvial sedimentary deposits and artificial fill
- Construction of shallow ground-water maps showing the historically highest known ground-water levels
- Quantitative analysis of geotechnical data to evaluate liquefaction potential of deposits
- Information on potential ground shaking intensity based on CGS probabilistic shaking maps

The data collected for this evaluation were processed into a series of geographic information system (GIS) layers using commercially available software. The liquefaction zone map was derived from a synthesis of these data and according to criteria adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000a).

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

Evaluation for potentially liquefiable soils generally is confined to areas covered by Quaternary (less than about 1.6 million years) sedimentary deposits. Such areas within the Oakland West Quadrangle consist mainly of gently sloping alluvial fans and areas bordering larger streams, low-lying shoreline regions, alluviated valleys, floodplains, and canyons. CGS's liquefaction hazard evaluations are based on information on earthquake ground shaking, surface and subsurface lithology, geotechnical soil properties, and ground-water depth, which is gathered from various sources. Although selection of data used in this evaluation was rigorous, the quality of the data used varies. The State of California and the Department of Conservation make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the data obtained from outside sources.

Liquefaction zone maps are intended to prompt more detailed, site-specific geotechnical investigations, as required by the Act. As such, liquefaction zone maps identify areas where the potential for liquefaction is relatively high. They do not predict the amount or direction of liquefaction-related ground displacements, or the amount of damage to facilities that may result from liquefaction. Factors that control liquefaction-induced ground failure are the extent, depth, density, and thickness of liquefiable materials, depth to ground water, rate of drainage, slope gradient, proximity to free faces, and intensity and duration of ground shaking. These factors must be evaluated on a site-specific basis to assess the potential for ground failure at any given project site.

Information developed in the study is presented in two parts: physiographic, geologic, and hydrologic conditions in PART I, and liquefaction and zoning evaluations in PART II.

PART I

PHYSIOGRAPHY

Study Area Location and Physiography

The Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle covers approximately 60 square miles in Alameda and San Francisco counties on the east and west sides of San Francisco Bay, respectively. The boundary between Alameda and San Francisco counties trends northwesterly through the center of San Francisco Bay. Approximately 16 square miles (27 percent of the quadrangle) is within San Francisco County. The parts of the quadrangle in San Francisco have not been reevaluated and were previously released in November of 2000 (DOC, 2000b).

Parts of the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Alameda lie within the map area. Oakland, Emeryville, and Berkeley are contiguous and lie within the flatlands along the margin of the bay. Oakland and Berkeley also extend into the steep, hilly areas in the Berkeley Hills. Alameda is on an island in San Francisco Bay that is separated from Oakland by a tidal channel.

The flatland areas in Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Alameda are heavily developed for residential and commercial use. Most of the hilly areas in Oakland and Berkeley have also been developed for residential use. Hillside areas are accessed by a system of steep, winding roads.

Elevations in the map area range from sea level along the shore of San Francisco Bay to more than 660 feet in the northeastern corner of the quadrangle. The Berkeley Hills are drained by numerous creeks, which flow westward across the alluvial plain to San Francisco Bay. Strawberry Creek flows through Strawberry Gulch, where Berkeley's University of California, Memorial Stadium is located. Temescal Creek flows out of Lake Temescal in the adjacent Oakland East Quadrangle. Glen Echo Creek flows into Lake Merritt within the Oakland West Quadrangle

Major highways include northwest-trending Interstate 880 that extends along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay from the southern quadrangle border to the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge. Interstate 80 extends from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge northward along the shoreline to the northern quadrangle border. Interstate 580 extends southeast from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge into the foothills and to the southern quadrangle border. Interstate Highway 980 and State Highway 24 trend northeast-southwest and intersect at Interstate 580 north of downtown Oakland. A network of secondary roads links these major highways. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) extends roughly north-south through the quadrangle, through the cities of Oakland and Berkeley.

GEOLOGY

Bedrock and Surficial Geology

Geologic units that generally are susceptible to liquefaction include late Quaternary alluvial and fluvial sedimentary deposits and artificial fill. To evaluate the areal and vertical distribution of shallow Quaternary deposits and to provide information on subsurface geologic, lithologic and engineering properties of the units in the Oakland West Quadrangle, digital maps were obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey. These include unpublished Quaternary mapping by Robert C. Witter (unpublished) and a published map of part of the Oakland metropolitan area (Graymer, 2000). These GIS maps were combined, with minor modifications along the bedrock/Quaternary contact, to form a single, 1:24,000-scale geologic map of the Oakland West Quadrangle. The distribution of Quaternary deposits on this map (summarized on Plate 1.1) was used in combination with other data, discussed below, to evaluate liquefaction potential and develop the Seismic Hazard Zone Map.

In the Oakland West Quadrangle, Witter (unpublished) mapped 14 Quaternary units. The methods used by Witter in his mapping of the Oakland West Quadrangle are the same as those described by Knudsen and others (2000b). These methods consist of interpretation of topographic maps, aerial photographs, and soil surveys, as well as compiled published and unpublished geologic maps. The ages of deposits are estimated using landform shape, relative geomorphic position, cross-cutting relationships, superposition, depth and degree of surface dissection, and relative degree of soil profile development. Table 1.1 compares stratigraphic nomenclature used in Knudsen and others (2000b) and the CGS GIS database, with that of several previous studies performed in northern California.

The eastern half of the quadrangle is covered by late Quaternary deposits with a small area of bedrock in the Berkeley Hills located in the northeastern corner of the quadrangle. Topographically higher southeast-sloping Pleistocene alluvial fan surfaces (Qpf, Qof) at the base of the Berkeley Hills have Holocene alluvial deposits (Qhf, Qha) inset into them that extend toward the historical shoreline of San Francisco Bay. The Pleistocene surfaces have been uplifted and are west of the active Hayward Fault zone. Latest Pleistocene to Holocene alluvial fan deposits (Qf) are mapped in the northeast corner of the quadrangle within the city of Berkeley. Witter (unpublished) also mapped Pleistocene bay terrace deposits (Qbt) at the base of early to late Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits (Qof) in the southeast corner of the quadrangle, along the shore of Lake Merritt. Latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds), locally referred to as the Merritt Sand, underlies much of downtown Oakland. Artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm) deposits extend from the historical shoreline to the present bay margin along most of the coastline in the southeastern portion of the Oakland West Quadrangle.

The southeastern portion of Alameda Island within the quadrangle is mapped as primarily latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds). This unit makes up the core of Alameda Island, which is then ringed by up to 11,000 horizontal feet of artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm). The northern third of Alameda Island is mapped as afbm.

Some artificial fill (af) has been placed along the lower reaches of several creeks, including Strawberry and Temescal, when the streams were channelized or culverted.

Holocene alluvial fan deposits have been subdivided into the following units: Qhc, Qhf, Qha, and Qf. Qhc are modern channel deposits and are found within the banks of creeks. Qhf are alluvial fan deposits that are mapped along much of the west-southwest sloping East Bay Plain. Qha are undifferentiated alluvial deposits generally mapped within upland drainages and canyons. Qf are alluvial fan deposits, with typically a thin (0- to 5-foot) mantle of Holocene deposits over Pleistocene material.

The bedrock geology of the area is associated with a series of oceanic crust and volcanic arc terranes that were accreted to the continent during Mesozoic and Cenozoic time, and further deformed by transpression along the Hayward Fault Zone during the Cenozoic. The oldest mapped geologic units are rocks from the Jurassic Coast Range Ophiolite (Graymer and others, 1996). Additional units include the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous Franciscan Complex, the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous Knoxville Formation, the Late Cretaceous Great Valley Sequence, and numerous Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic units. See the earthquake-induced landslide portion (Section 2) of this report for additional description of bedrock geology.

UNIT	Witter (unpublished)	Knudsen and others (2000b)	Helley and Graymer (1997)	Helley and others (1979)	CGS GIS database
Artificial fill	af	af	af		af
Artificial fill over Bay Mud	afbm	afbm			afbm
Artificial stream channel	ac	ac	Qhasc		ac
Modern stream channel deposits	Qhc	Qhc	Qhsc	Qhsc	Qhc
Latest Holocene beach sand	Qhbs	Qhbs			Qhbs
Holocene San Francisco Bay Mud(1)	Qhbm	Qhbm	Qhbm	Qhbm	Qhbm
Holocene alluvial fan deposits	Qhf	Qhf	Qhaf	Qham, Qhac	Qhf
Holocene alluvial fan levee deposits	Qhl	Qhl	Qhl		Qhl
Holocene alluvium, undifferentiated	Qha	Qha	Qhaf		Qha
Latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand	Qds	Qds	Qms,Qhms	Qps	Qds
Latest Pleistocene to Holocene alluvial fan deposits	Qf	Qf			Qf
Latest Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits	Qpf	Qpf	Qpaf		Qpf
Pleistocene bay terrace deposits	Qbt	Qmt	Qmt		Qbt
Late Pleistocene San Francisco Bay Mud(1)					Qpbm
Early to late Pleistocene pediment deposits	Qop	Qop			Qop
Early to late Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits	Qof	Qof	Qpaf, Qpoaf		Qof

Notes:
(1) Not mapped at surface but unit interpreted in the subsurface.

Table 1.1. Correlation of Quaternary Stratigraphic Nomenclatures Used within the Oakland West Quadrangle. For this study, CGS has adopted the nomenclature of Knudsen and others (2000a).

Structural Geology

The Oakland West Quadrangle is within the active San Andreas Fault system, which distributes shearing across a complex system of primarily northwest-trending, right-lateral, strike-slip faults that include the San Andreas, Hayward, and Calaveras faults. The Hayward Fault extends northwestward through the northeasternmost corner of the quadrangle passing beneath U.C. Berkeley Memorial Stadium. The Calaveras Fault is approximately 14 miles east of the eastern border of the quadrangle, and the San Andreas Fault is about 12.5 miles to the southwest. Historical ground-surface rupturing earthquakes have occurred on all of these faults (Lawson, 1908; Keefer and others, 1980; Hart, 1984). In addition, the Concord-Green Valley, Mt. Diablo Thrust, and Greenville faults will contribute, over the long term, to the release of almost all of the seismic moment in the San Francisco Bay Area (WGCEP, 1999). The Concord-Green Valley, Mt. Diablo Thrust, and Greenville faults are approximately 15, 16, and 30 miles east of the eastern border of the quadrangle, respectively.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Information on subsurface geology and engineering characteristics of unconsolidated deposits was obtained from borehole logs collected from reports on geotechnical and environmental projects. For this investigation, 255 borehole logs were collected from the files of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), BART, City of Oakland Public Works Department, URS Greiner Woodward Clyde, William Lettis and Associates, Alan Kropp and Associates, and Alameda County Water District. Data from 246 borehole logs were entered into a CGS geotechnical GIS database (see Plate 1.2). Thirteen cone penetrometer (CPT) soundings were obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey, which collected the data under the direction of Tom Holzer and Mike Bennett.

Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) provide a standardized measure of the penetration resistance of geologic deposits and are commonly used as an index of soil density. This in-field test consists of counting the number of blows required to drive a split-spoon sampler (1.375-inch inside diameter) one foot into the soil at the bottom of a borehole at chosen intervals while drilling. The driving force is provided by dropping a 140-pound hammer weight 30 inches. The SPT method is formally defined and specified by the American Society for Testing and Materials in test method D1586 (ASTM, 1999). Recorded blow counts for non-SPT geotechnical sampling where the sampler diameter, hammer weight or drop distance differ from those specified for an SPT (ASTM D1586), are converted to SPT-equivalent blow counts. The actual and converted SPT blow counts are normalized to a common-reference, effective-overburden pressure of one atmosphere (approximately one ton per square foot) and a hammer efficiency of 60 percent using a method described by Seed and Idriss (1982) and Seed and others (1985). This normalized blow count is referred to as $(N_1)_{60}$.

Geotechnical borehole logs provided information on lithologic and engineering characteristics of 4,452 feet of Holocene materials and 9,623 feet of Pleistocene materials penetrated by boreholes analyzed for this study. Geotechnical characteristics of the Quaternary map units are summarized in Tables 1.2 and 1.3. Analysis of these data leads to recognition of certain characteristics and relationships among the units, including: 1) median values for penetration resistance suggest Holocene materials are less dense and more readily penetrated than Pleistocene materials; 2) penetration resistance values measured from the same map unit can vary considerably, the standard deviation is often 50 to 100 percent of the mean; 3) Holocene units consist of both fine and coarse-grained materials, but have sand lenses throughout that have the potential to liquefy; and 4) late Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds) is primarily coarse grained with a wide range of penetration resistance values. Not shown in Tables 1.2 and 1.3 is the frequent occurrence of gravel within units generally of Pleistocene age.

GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT		DRY DENSITY (pounds per cubic foot)						STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE (blows per foot, $(N_1)_{60}$)					
Unit (1)	Texture (2)	Number of Tests (3)	Mean	CV (4)	Median	Min	Max	Number of Tests (3)	Mean	CV (4)	Median	Min	Max
f & bm	ine	24	97.8	0.13	99.2	4.	12	62	20.8	0.83	15.5	.	5.
	oars	37	98.7	0.15	102.0	56	11	113	21.8	0.85	16.6	).	>9
Qhbm	Fine	69	72.0	0.31	64.0	38.0	132	111	7.2	1.22	3.2	0.6	51.4
	Coarse	5	103.6	0.11	97.0	94.0	120.0	15	12.1	1.14	7.1	1.2	50.2
)hf	ine	46	101.9	0.08	100.0	7.	26.	216	19.0	0.64	16.4	.	3.
	oars	12	98.3	0.17	102.5	9.	13.	101	21.1	0.51	19.8	.	8.
Qds	Fine	10	110.2	0.04	110.5	102.3	116.0	17	20.9	0.7	20.3	0.76	47.8
	Coarse	150	110.5	0.04	110.0	99.0	128.0	365	49.0	0.75	40.1	1.3	>99
)f	ine	16	103.7	0.07	105.6	2.	13.	19	19.5	0.70	14.5	.	4.
	oars	2	102.0	0.07	102.0	7.	07.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Qpf	Fine	152	104.5	0.07	105.0	82.0	121.0	284	23.2	0.59	20.2	2.0	93.6
	Coarse	57	110.3	0.08	112.0	85.0	134.0	101	31.9	0.58	27.3	4.8	>99
)bt	ine	140	105.3	0.11	106.5	6.	11	19	23.6	0.49	21.3	.	8.
	oars	3	104.7	0.12	98.0	7.	19.	4	45.3	0.42	41.0	7.	1.
Qpbm	Fine	92	97.5	0.13	100.0	52.0	119.0	27	25.9	0.50	21.3	10.6	58.0
	Coarse	15	104.3	0.13	103.0	73.0	125.0	4	38.3	0.47	21.6	13.9	53.9
)of	ine	29	104.1	0.11	104.0	9.	29.	25	23.7	0.45	22.1	0.	5.
	oars	5	104.2	0.09	103.0	2.	15.	8	28.4	0.22	28.1	0.	6.

Notes:
(1) See Table 1.3 for names of the geologic map units listed here.
(2) Fine soils (silt and clay) contain a greater percentage passing the #200 sieve (<0.074 mm); coarse soils (sand and gravel) contain a greater percentage retained by the #200 sieve.
(3) Number of laboratory samples or field penetration resistance measurements.
(4) CV = coefficient of variation (standard deviation divided by the mean).

Table 1.2. Geotechnical Characteristics for Quaternary Geological Units in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle.

Geologic Map Unit (1)	Description	Length of borings penetrating map unit (feet)	Composition by Soil Type (2) (Percent of total sediment column logged)	Depth to ground water (feet) and liquefaction susceptibility category assigned to geologic unit (3)			
				<10	10 to 30	30 to 40	>40
af	Artificial fill (4)	1144	SP 22; CL 22; SM 13; other 22	/H-l	H-L	M-L	VL
afbm	Artificial fill over Bay Mud	0	n/a	VH	H	M	VL
ac	Artificial stream channel	0	n/a	/H-l	H	M	VL
Qhc	Modern stream channel deposits	0	n/a	VH	H	M	VL
Qhbs	Latest Holocene beach sand	0	n/a	VH	H	M	VL
Qhbm	Holocene San Francisco Bay Mud	1767	CH 47; CL 40; other 13	H	M	L	VL
Qhf	Holocene alluvial fan deposits	1534	CL 49; ML 15; SM 13; other 23	H	M	L	VL
Qhl	Holocene alluvial fan levee deposits	7	CL 70; SM 30	H	M	L	VL
Qha	Holocene alluvial fan levee deposit	0	n/a	M	M	L	VL
Qds	Latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand	2443	SP 42; SM 26; SC 24; CL 4; other 4	M	L	L	VL
Qf	Latest Pleistocene to Holocene alluvial fan deposits	163	CL 56; ML 33; other 11	M	L	L	VL
Qpf	Latest Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits	4144	CL 58; SC 12; ML 10; other 20	L	L	VL	VL
Qbt	Pleistocene bay terrace deposits	129	CL 60; SC 22; ML 10; SM 8	L	L	VL	VL
Qpbm	Latest Pleistocene San Francisco Bay Mud	1918	CL 55; CH 15; ML 11; other 19	L	L	VL	VL
Qop	Early to late Pleistocene pediment deposits	0	n/a	L	L	VL	VL
Qof	Early to late Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits	826	CL 69; SM 7; other 24	L	L	VL	VL

Notes:
(1) Susceptibility assignments are specific to the materials within the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle.
(2) Unified Soil Classification System.
(3) Based on the Simplified Procedure (Seed and Idriss, 1971; Youd and Idriss, 1997) and a small number of borehole analyses for some units.
(4) The liquefaction susceptibility of artificial fill ranges widely, depending largely on the nature of the fill, its age, and whether it was compacted during emplacement.
(5) n/a = not applicable

Table 1.3. Liquefaction Susceptibility for Quaternary Map Units within the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle. Units indicate relative

susceptibility of deposits to liquefaction as a function of material type and ground water depth within that deposit. VH = very high, H = high, M = moderate, L = low, and VL = very low to none.

GROUND WATER

Liquefaction hazard may exist in areas where depth to ground water is 40 feet or less. CGS uses the highest known ground-water levels because water levels during an earthquake cannot be anticipated because of the unpredictable fluctuations caused by natural processes and human activities. A historical-high ground-water map differs from most ground-water maps, which show the actual water table at a particular time. Plate 1.2 depicts a hypothetical ground-water table within alluviated areas.

Ground-water conditions were investigated in the Oakland West Quadrangle to evaluate the depth to saturated materials. Saturated conditions reduce the effective normal stress, thereby increasing the likelihood of earthquake-induced liquefaction (Youd, 1973). The evaluation was based on first-encountered water noted in geotechnical borehole logs acquired from Alameda County Water District, City of Oakland, City of Alameda, Alameda County Public Works Department, and the State Water Resources Control Board. The depths to first-encountered unconfined ground water were plotted on a map of the project area, interpreted, and contoured. Water depths from boreholes known to penetrate confined aquifers were not utilized.

Regional ground-water contours on Plate 1.2 show historical-high water depths, as interpreted from borehole logs from investigations between the 1950’s and 1999. Depths to first-encountered water range from 0 to greater than 20 feet below the ground surface (Plate 1.2). In general, ground-water levels are close to the ground surface in the Oakland West Quadrangle. They are shallowest close to the San Francisco Bay margins and deepest (greater than 10 feet) along the Berkeley Hills range front (Plate 1.2). Boreholes within Alameda Island indicate an area of depressed (deeper than 10 feet) ground water in the center of the island, but depths to ground water are commonly less than 10 feet.

PART II

LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL

Liquefaction may occur in water-saturated sediment during moderate to great earthquakes. Liquefied sediment loses strength and may fail, causing damage to buildings, bridges, and other structures. Many methods for mapping liquefaction hazard have been proposed. Youd (1991) highlights the principal developments and notes some of the widely used criteria. Youd and Perkins (1978) demonstrate the use of geologic criteria as a qualitative characterization of liquefaction susceptibility and introduce the mapping technique of combining a liquefaction susceptibility map and a liquefaction opportunity map to produce a liquefaction potential map. Liquefaction susceptibility is a function of the capacity of sediment to resist liquefaction. Liquefaction opportunity is a function of the potential seismic ground shaking intensity.

The method applied in this study for evaluating liquefaction potential is similar to that of Tinsley and others (1985). Tinsley and others (1985) applied a combination of the techniques used by Seed and others (1983) and Youd and Perkins (1978) for their mapping of liquefaction hazards in the Los Angeles region. CGS's method combines geotechnical analyses, geologic and hydrologic mapping, and probabilistic earthquake shaking estimates, but follows criteria adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000a).

LIQUEFACTION SUSCEPTIBILITY

Liquefaction susceptibility reflects the relative resistance of a soil to loss of strength when subjected to ground shaking. Physical properties of soil such as sediment grain-size distribution, compaction, cementation, saturation, and depth govern the degree of resistance to liquefaction. Some of these properties can be correlated to the geologic age of a deposit and the environment of deposition. With increasing age, relative density may increase through cementation of the particles or compaction caused by the weight of the overlying sediment. Grain-size characteristics of a soil also influence susceptibility to liquefaction. Sand is more susceptible than silt or gravel, although silt of low plasticity is treated as liquefiable in this investigation. Cohesive soils generally are not considered susceptible to liquefaction. Such soils may be vulnerable to strength loss with remolding and represent a hazard that is not addressed in this investigation. Soil characteristics and processes that result in higher measured penetration resistances generally indicate lower liquefaction susceptibility. Thus, blow count and cone penetrometer values are useful indicators of liquefaction susceptibility.

Saturation is required for liquefaction, and the liquefaction susceptibility of a soil varies with the depth to ground water. Very shallow ground water increases the susceptibility to liquefaction (soil is more likely to liquefy). Soils that lack resistance (susceptible soils) typically are saturated, loose and sandy. Soils resistant to liquefaction include all soil types that are dry, cohesive, or sufficiently dense.

CGS's map inventory of areas containing soils susceptible to liquefaction begins with evaluation of geologic maps and historical occurrences, cross-sections, geotechnical test data, geomorphology, and ground-water hydrology. Soil properties and soil conditions such as type, age, texture, color, and consistency, along with historical depths to ground water are used to identify, characterize, and correlate susceptible soils. Because Quaternary geologic mapping is based on similar soil observations, liquefaction susceptibility maps typically are similar to Quaternary geologic maps. CGS's qualitative relations among susceptibility, geologic map unit and depth to ground water are summarized in Table 1.3.

Most Holocene materials where water levels are within 30 feet of the ground surface have susceptibility assignments of high (H) to very high (VH) (Table 1.3). Undifferentiated Holocene alluvium (Qha) primarily is composed of fine-grained material and is assigned moderate susceptibility. However, this unit may contain lenses of material with higher liquefaction susceptibility. All latest Pleistocene and older deposits within 30 feet of the ground surface have low (L) susceptibility assignments except late Pleistocene to Holocene alluvial fan deposits (Qf) and latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds). The Qf unit is relatively dense in the Oakland West Quadrangle but may have low densities along with lenses of potentially liquefiable material that could liquefy if saturated (Table 1.3). It is therefore assigned moderate susceptibility. Latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds) is relatively dense in the area of downtown Oakland but has variable density elsewhere in the quadrangle. It is therefore generally assigned moderate (M) susceptibility where it is saturated above 10 feet. All other units have low (L) to (VL) susceptibility assignments within 40 feet of the ground surface.

LIQUEFACTION OPPORTUNITY

Liquefaction opportunity is a measure, expressed in probabilistic terms, of the potential for strong ground shaking. Analyses of in-situ liquefaction resistance require assessment of liquefaction opportunity. The minimum level of seismic excitation to be used for such purposes is the level of peak ground acceleration (PGA) with a 10 percent probability of exceedance over a 50-year period (DOC, 2000a). The earthquake magnitude used in CGS's analysis is the magnitude that contributes most to the calculated PGA for an area.

For the Oakland West Quadrangle, PGAs of 0.52 g to 0.79 g, resulting from earthquakes of magnitude 7.1 to 7.9, were used for liquefaction analyses. The PGA and magnitude values were based on de-aggregation of the probabilistic hazard at the 10 percent in 50-year hazard level (Petersen and others, 1996). See the ground motion section (3) of this report for further details.

Quantitative Liquefaction Analysis

CGS performs quantitative analysis of geotechnical data to evaluate liquefaction potential using the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure (Seed and Idriss, 1971; Seed and others, 1983; National Research Council, 1985; Seed and others, 1985; Seed and Harder, 1990; Youd and Idriss, 1997; Youd and others, 2001). Using the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure one can calculate soil resistance to liquefaction, expressed in terms of cyclic resistance ratio (CRR), based on SPT results, ground-water level, soil density, moisture content, soil type, and sample depth. CRR values are then compared to calculated earthquake-generated shear stresses expressed in terms of cyclic stress ratio (CSR). The Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure requires normalizing earthquake loading relative to a M7.5 event for the liquefaction analysis. To accomplish this, CGS's analysis uses the Idriss magnitude-scaling factor (MSF) (Youd and Idriss, 1997). It is convenient to think in terms of a factor of safety (FS) relative to liquefaction, where: FS = (CRR / CSR) * MSF. FS, therefore, is a quantitative measure of liquefaction potential. CGS uses a factor of safety of 1.0 or less, where CSR equals or exceeds CRR, to indicate the presence of potentially liquefiable soil. While an FS of 1.0 is considered the "trigger" for liquefaction, for a site specific analysis an FS of as much as 1.5 may be appropriate depending on the vulnerability of the site and related structures.

The CGS liquefaction analysis program calculates an FS for each geotechnical sample where blow counts were collected. Typically, multiple samples are collected for each borehole. The program then independently calculates an FS for each non-clay layer that includes at least one penetration test using the minimum $(N1)_{60}$ value for that layer. The minimum FS value of the layers penetrated by the borehole is used to determine the liquefaction potential for each borehole location. The reliability of FS values varies according to the quality of the geotechnical data. FS, as well as other considerations such as slope, presence of free faces, and thickness and depth of potentially liquefiable soil, are evaluated in order to construct liquefaction potential maps, which are then used to make a map showing zones of required investigation.

Of the 256 geotechnical borehole logs reviewed in this study (Plate 1.2), most include blow-count data from SPTs or from penetration tests that allow reasonable blow count translations to SPT-equivalent values. Non-SPT values, such as those resulting from the use of 2-inch or 2½-inch inside-diameter ring samplers, were translated to SPT-equivalent values if reasonable factors could be used in conversion calculations. The reliability of the SPT-equivalent values varies. Therefore, they are weighted and used in a more qualitative manner. Few borehole logs, however, include all of the information (e.g. soil density, moisture content, sieve analysis, etc.) required for an ideal Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure. For boreholes having acceptable penetration tests, liquefaction analysis is performed using recorded density, moisture, and sieve test values or using averaged test values of similar materials.

The Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure for liquefaction evaluation was developed primarily for clean sand and silty sand. As described above, results depend greatly on accurate evaluation of in-situ soil density as measured by the number of soil penetration blow counts using an SPT sampler. However, many of the Holocene alluvial deposits in the study area contain a significant amount of gravel. In the past, gravelly soils were considered not to be susceptible to liquefaction because the high permeability of these soils presumably would allow the dissipation of pore pressures before liquefaction could occur. However, liquefaction in gravelly soils has been observed during earthquakes, and recent laboratory studies have shown that gravelly soils are susceptible to liquefaction (Ishihara, 1985; Harder and Seed, 1986; Budiman and Mohammadi, 1995; Evans and Zhou, 1995; and Sy and others, 1995). SPT-derived density measurements in gravelly soils are unreliable and generally too high. They are likely to lead to overestimation of the density of the soil and, therefore, result in an underestimation of the liquefaction susceptibility. To identify potentially liquefiable units where the N values appear to have been affected by gravel content, correlations were made with boreholes in the same unit where the N values do not appear to have been affected by gravel content.

LIQUEFACTION ZONES

Criteria for Zoning

Areas underlain by materials susceptible to liquefaction during an earthquake were included in liquefaction zones using criteria developed by the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act Advisory Committee and adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000a). Under those guideline criteria, liquefaction zones are areas meeting one or more of the following:

1. Areas known to have experienced liquefaction during historical earthquakes

2. All areas of uncompacted artificial fill containing liquefaction-susceptible material that are saturated, nearly saturated, or may be expected to become saturated

3. Areas where sufficient existing geotechnical data and analyses indicate that the soils are potentially liquefiable

4. Areas where existing geotechnical data are insufficient

In areas of limited or no geotechnical data, susceptibility zones may be identified by geologic criteria as follows:

a) Areas containing soil deposits of late Holocene age (current river channels and their historic floodplains, marshes and estuaries), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.10 g and the water table is less than 40 feet below the ground surface; or

b) Areas containing soil deposits of Holocene age (less than 11,000 years), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.20 g and the historical high water table is less than or equal to 30 feet below the ground surface; or

c) Areas containing soil deposits of latest Pleistocene age (11,000 to 15,000 years), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.30 g and the historical high water table is less than or equal to 20 feet below the ground surface.

Application of SMGB criteria to liquefaction zoning in the Oakland West Quadrangle is summarized below.

Areas of Past Liquefaction

Knudsen and others (2000a) compiled data from Tinsley and others (1998) and Youd and Hoose (1978) for earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay region. Tinsley and others (1998) compiled observations of evidence for liquefaction for the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Youd and Hoose (1978) compiled them for earlier events, including the 1868 Hayward and 1906 San Francisco earthquakes. The Knudsen and others (2000a) digital database differs from earlier compilation efforts in that the observations were located on a 1:24,000-scale base map rather than the smaller-scale base maps used in earlier publications. Sites were reevaluated and some single sites were broken into two or more where the greater base-map scale allowed.

In Berkeley, within the Oakland West Quadrangle, Tinsley and others (1998) reported one sand boil and some lateral spreading on the northeastern side of the Berkeley Marina following the Loma Prieta earthquake (site 32, Plate 1.2). They also reported lateral spreading and settlement along Interstate Highway 80 and West Frontage Road, south of University Avenue to Emeryville (site 33). Youd and Hoose (1978) identified a 1906 report of disturbed “lower alluvial flats of Oakland and Berkeley” (site 176, shown in Oakland but not located in Berkeley on Plate 1.2).

In Emeryville, Tinsley and others (1998) identified pavement cracking from lateral spreading along Interstate Highway 80 between the Ashby Avenue and Powell Street exits (site 33). They identified more pavement cracking and the dislocation of a water pipe near the Emeryville Marina, and a sand eruption in a parking lot near the west end of Powell Street, on the Watergate Peninsula (site 34). Site 36, in the vicinity of the Emeryville-Oakland boundary, marks a length of Highway 80 that suffered extensive pavement cracking caused by lateral spreading and settlement (Tinsley and others, 1998). Also of interest is the Tinsley and others (1998) report of lack of ground failure and settlement at site 35, which had been compacted by vibrocompaction probing.

In Oakland, on the vicinity of the Bay Bridge approach (Plate 1.2, site 37) including the toll area, Interstate Highway 580 eastbound onramp, and the West Grand Avenue onramp, liquefaction effects from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake included one foot-wide fissures and 1.5 feet of settlement (Tinsley and others, 1998). At the Seventh Street Marine Container and Matson terminals, Port of Oakland (site 38), liquefaction effects included settlement, lateral spreading, and pavement cracking. Sand boils were observed at nearby Portview Park.

Youd and Hoose (1978) compiled information from the 1906 earthquake on multiple liquefaction effects in Oakland near the Oakland Inner Harbor. At site 174 (Plate 1.2), the draw of the railroad drawbridge was “thrown” 8 to 12 inches out of line in 1868 by lateral spreading. Many effects of liquefaction from the 1906 earthquake were reported (sites 174-176). Most of the damage was to pipelines including “a 24-inch riveted pipe that was pulled apart 5 inches and displaced 8 inches laterally by the settling of the entire street” (Youd and Hoose, 1978). The foundation of Lake Merritt Dam was reported “cracked and broken” following the 1906 earthquake (site 175) (Youd and Hoose, 1978). Tinsley and others (1998) document that settlement and sand boils were observed in the parks along Lake Merritt Channel (site 43) following the 1989 earthquake. Tinsley and others (1998) cite more reports of pipeline breaks and settlement at sites 40, 41A, and 41B.

In Alameda, Youd and Hoose (1978) identified two 1906 newspaper reports of ground settlement that caused railroad tracks in Alameda to sink about 4 feet (sites 173 and 174, Plate 1.2). Tinsley and others (1998) recorded four liquefaction sites in Alameda.

Liquefaction at site 39 (Plate 1.2) made the two runways and taxiways at the Alameda Naval Air Station inoperable following the 1989 earthquake (site 39, Plate 1.2). Pipelines broke at Mariner Square (site 42), sand boils were observed at the southwestern shoreline of Alameda, at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach (site 44), and various effects, including approximately two dozen residential pipeline breaks, were evident at site 45, in neighborhoods near the state beach.

Artificial Fills

In the Oakland West Quadrangle, artificial fill areas large enough to show at the scale of mapping consist of engineered fill for river levees and elevated freeways. Since these fills are considered to be properly engineered, zoning for liquefaction in such areas depends on soil conditions in underlying strata. Non-engineered fills commonly are loose and uncompacted, and the material texture varies. Artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm) is extensive as a result of the practice of infilling of the natural Bay margins. Artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm) is extensive west of the Interstate 880 near downtown Oakland, as well as at the shoreline of both San Francisco Bay and Lake Merritt. Coast Guard Island, located within the Oakland Inner Harbor, is entirely composed of artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm). Because this unit has hosted an abundance of historical occurrences (Knudsen and others, 2000a), all areas mapped as afbm are included in the zone of required investigation.

Areas with Sufficient Existing Geotechnical Data

Borehole logs that include penetration test data and sufficiently detailed lithologic descriptions were used to evaluate liquefaction potential as determined by the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure. In Holocene alluvial deposits (Qhf, Qhl), artificial fill over Bay Mud (afbm), and latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds) that cover much of flatland area, most of the borehole logs that were analyzed using the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure contain sediment layers that may liquefy under the expected earthquake loading. These areas containing saturated potentially liquefiable material are included in the zone of required investigation. They include: areas around Lake Merritt, the Oakland Army Base and Naval Supply Center in west Oakland, and all of Alameda and Coast Guard Islands.

Geotechnical data for Holocene alluvial fan deposits (Qhf, Qf) in West Oakland and Berkeley indicate a thin mantle of Holocene material over Pleistocene deposits. The liquefaction zone boundary extending from the northern border of the Oakland West Quadrangle (excluding the sections along stream channels) is the surface projection of the contact between ground water and the base of Holocene alluvial fan deposits (Qhf). Areas are excluded from the zone where lower density, younger material is above the water table (i.e. unsaturated) and only denser Pleistocene material is saturated.

Geotechnical data also provide evidence for a thick trough of Holocene material coming from the Temescal Creek drainage. This paleodrainage is evident offshore as thick young Bay Mud deposits (Trask and Rolston, 1951). The zone of required investigation includes Holocene alluvial fan deposits (Qhf) associated with the Temescal Creek drainage.

The areas underlain by latest Pleistocene to Holocene dune sand (Qds) are all included within the liquefaction zone of required investigation except the area of downtown Oakland, east of Interstate 880 and west of Lake Merritt. This area is not included in the liquefaction zone due to geologic, lithologic, and engineering properties that imply that liquefaction susceptibility of this unit in this area is low. Geotechnical data from Qds in other areas, including Alameda Island, indicate there is liquefiable material within this unit, generally at shallow depths (less than 10 feet).

The current liquefaction zone of required investigation differs from the previous zone in the city of Oakland (DOC, 1999) in several areas. The following areas have been added or removed from the zone of required investigation: the flatland areas along Piedmont and Broadway Streets north of Highway 580 have been removed based on new geologic mapping (Witter, unpublished) and interpretation of geotechnical data, which indicates that the material is of late Pleistocene age; the area north of Alcatraz Avenue in Oakland has been removed due to the identification of thin Holocene deposits and deeper ground water; the area north of the intersection of West Grand Avenue and Telegraph Avenue has been removed based on new geologic mapping (Witter, unpublished); and, a relatively small area along the drainage of Echo Creek has been added based on new geologic mapping (Witter, unpublished).

Areas with Insufficient Existing Geotechnical Data

Adequate geotechnical borehole information generally is lacking in most areas for artificial and modern stream channel deposits (ac and Qhc) and undifferentiated Holocene alluvium (Qha). These deposits, therefore, are evaluated and included or excluded from the liquefaction zone for reasons presented in criteria 4 a, and 4 b, above. In the Oakland West Quadrangle, ground water and ground motions are sufficiently high to include these Holocene units within the liquefaction zone. These deposits primarily are mapped along upland creeks and canyons that are likely to contain loose, granular, late Holocene material that is saturated because of the proximity of active stream channels. These areas are included within the liquefaction zone of required investigation

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SECTION 2
EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE EVALUATION REPORT

Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zones in the Alameda County Part of the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, California

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PURPOSE

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) [now called California Geological Survey (CGS)] to delineate Seismic Hazard Zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use seismic hazard zone maps prepared by CGS in their land-use planning and permitting processes. The Act requires that site-specific geotechnical investigations be performed prior to permitting most urban development projects within the hazard zones. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines established by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 1997). The text of this report is on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/SHMPsp117.asp

Following the release of DMG Special Publication 117 (DOC, 1997), agencies in the Los Angeles metropolitan region sought more definitive guidance in the review of geotechnical investigations addressing landslide hazards. The agencies made their request through the Geotechnical Engineering Group of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This group convened an implementation committee in 1998 under the auspices of the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC). The committee, which consisted of practicing geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists, released an overview of the practice of landslide analysis, evaluation, and mitigation techniques (SCEC, 2002). This text is also on the Internet at: http://www.scec.org/

This section of the evaluation report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for earthquake-induced landslides in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle. Seismic hazard zone mapping on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island, which are in the City and County of San Francisco, is summarized in CGS Open File Report 2000-009.

Section 1 (addressing liquefaction) and Section 3 (addressing earthquake shaking), complete the report, which is one of a series that summarizes the preparation of seismic hazard zone maps within the state (Smith, 1996). Additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California can be accessed on the California Geological Survey's Internet page: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

BACKGROUND

Landslides triggered by earthquakes historically have been a significant cause of earthquake damage. In California, large earthquakes such as the 1971 San Fernando, 1989 Loma Prieta, and 1994 Northridge earthquakes triggered landslides that were responsible for destroying or damaging numerous structures, blocking major transportation corridors, and damaging life-line infrastructure. Areas that are most susceptible to earthquake-induced landslides are steep slopes in poorly cemented or highly fractured rocks, areas underlain by loose, weak soils, and areas on or adjacent to existing landslide deposits. These geologic and terrain conditions exist in many parts of California, including numerous hillside areas that have already been developed or are likely to be developed in the future. The opportunity for strong earthquake ground shaking is high in many parts of California because of the presence of numerous active faults. The combination of these factors constitutes a significant seismic hazard throughout much of California, including the hillside areas of the Oakland West Quadrangle.

METHODS SUMMARY

The mapping of earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones presented in this report is based on the best available terrain, geologic, geotechnical, and seismological data. If unavailable or significantly outdated, new forms of these data were compiled or generated specifically for this project. The following were collected or generated for this evaluation:

- Digital terrain data were used to provide an up-to-date representation of slope gradient and slope aspect in the study area

- Geologic mapping was used to provide an accurate representation of the spatial distribution of geologic materials in the study area. In addition, a map of existing landslides, whether triggered by earthquakes or not, was prepared

- Geotechnical laboratory test data were collected and statistically analyzed to quantitatively characterize the strength properties and dynamic slope stability of geologic materials in the study area

- Seismological data in the form of CGS probabilistic shaking maps and catalogs of strong-motion records were used to characterize future earthquake shaking within the mapped area

The data collected for this evaluation were processed into a series of GIS layers using commercially available software. A slope stability analysis was performed using the Newmark method of analysis (Newmark, 1965), resulting in a map of landslide hazard potential. The earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone was derived from the landslide hazard potential map according to criteria developed in a CGS pilot study (McCrink and Real, 1996; McCrink, 2001) and adopted by the State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 2000).

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The methodology used to make this map is based on earthquake ground-shaking estimates, geologic material-strength characteristics and slope gradient. These data are gathered from a variety of outside sources. Although the selection of data used in this evaluation was rigorous, the quality of the data is variable. The State of California and the Department of Conservation make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the data gathered from outside sources.

Earthquake-induced landslide zone maps are intended to prompt more detailed, site-specific geotechnical investigations as required by the Act. As such, these zone maps identify areas where the potential for earthquake-induced landslides is relatively high. Due to limitations in methodology, it should be noted that these zone maps do not necessarily capture all potential earthquake-induced landslide hazards. Earthquake-induced ground failures that are not addressed by this map include those associated with ridge-top spreading and shattered ridges. It should also be noted that no attempt has been made to map potential run-out areas of triggered landslides. It is possible that such run-out areas may extend beyond the zone boundaries. The potential for ground failure resulting from liquefaction-induced lateral spreading of alluvial materials, considered by some to be a form of landsliding, is not specifically addressed by the earthquake-induced landslide zone or this report. See Section 1, Liquefaction Evaluation Report for the Oakland West Quadrangle, for more information on the delineation of liquefaction zones.

Official Seismic Hazard Zone maps covering the cities of Oakland and Piedmont were prepared in 1999 and released in March 2000 (DOC, 1999). The previously mapped earthquake-induced landslide zones within the cities of Oakland and Piedmont have not been modified. With release of this new map and report, the remaining areas within Alameda County on the Oakland West Quadrangle have been mapped for seismic hazards. The most significant change to the Oakland West Quadrangle Zone Map is the preparation of earthquake-induced landslide zones of required investigation for the cities of Berkeley and Emeryville in the northern portion of the quadrangle.

The remainder of this report describes in more detail the mapping data and processes used to prepare the earthquake-induced landslide zone map for the Oakland West Quadrangle. The information is presented in two parts. Part I covers physiographic, geologic and engineering geologic conditions in the study area. Part II covers the preparation of landslide hazard potential and landslide zone maps.

PART I

PHYSIOGRAPHY

Study Area Location and Physiography

The Oakland West Quadrangle lies on the east side of San Francisco Bay. Within the quadrangle, the cities of Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley are contiguous and occupy flatlands along the margin of the bay as well as hilly areas in the Oakland-Berkeley Hills. In the Oakland West Quadrangle low hills occupy some areas in Oakland in the vicinity of Lake Merritt. Steep hills cover a very small part of the Oakland West Quadrangle in the northeast corner of the quadrangle. Alameda occupies an island in San Francisco Bay that is separated from Oakland by a tidal channel.

The flatland areas and many of the hilly areas in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, and Alameda are heavily developed for residential and commercial use. Elevations in the map area range from sea level along the shore of San Francisco Bay to about 700 feet above sea level in the northeast corner of the quadrangle. Numerous creeks, including Strawberry Creek, Temescal Creek and Glen Ellen Creek flow westward across the alluvial plain to San Francisco Bay, from the Oakland-Berkeley Hills. Lake Merritt is a former tidal inlet that has been isolated from the tides by artificial fill and a small dam.

Digital Terrain Data

The calculation of slope gradient is an essential part of the evaluation of slope stability under earthquake conditions. An accurate slope gradient calculation begins with an up-to-date map representation of the earth's surface in the form of a digital topographic map.

Within the cities of Berkeley and Emeryville, digital topography in the form of a Level 2 digital elevation model (DEM) was obtained from the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey, 1993). This DEM, prepared from the 7.5-minute quadrangle topographic contours based on 1958 aerial photography, has a 10-meter horizontal resolution and a 7.5-meter vertical accuracy.

Digital topography within the City of Oakland relied on a set of digital terrain files obtained from the City of Oakland. These files contained digitized contours, breaklines, and spot elevations that were collected from stereo-pair aerial photography flown in 1994. The files were first translated into a format usable by CGS and then converted to a triangular-irregular-network (TIN) computer model. Finally, they were converted into a regularly spaced digital elevation model (DEM) with a 10-meter horizontal resolution and a vertical accuracy estimated to be on the order of 1 to 2 meters.

A slope map was made from the corrected DEM using a third-order, finite difference, center-weighted algorithm (Horn, 1981). The slope map was used first in conjunction with the aspect map and geologic structural data to identify areas of potential adverse bedding conditions, and then again with the geologic strength map in the preparation of the earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential map.

GEOLOGY

Bedrock and Surficial Geology

The primary source of bedrock geology used in this slope stability evaluation is the geologic map and map database of the Oakland metropolitan area by Graymer (2000). This digital geologic database was compiled at a resolution of 1:24,000 from previously published reports and from new mapping and field checking by Graymer (2000). Geologic mapping by Radbruch (1957) was also reviewed. Witter (unpublished) prepared a Quaternary surficial deposits geologic map for the Oakland West Quadrangle at a scale of 1:24,000. CGS geologists merged the digital surficial and bedrock geologic maps, and contacts between surficial and bedrock units were modified in some areas to resolve differences between the two maps. Geologic field reconnaissance was performed to assist in adjusting contacts and to review the lithology and structure of the various geologic units.

Unconsolidated Quaternary deposits, which bury the bedrock formations, underlie most of the Oakland West Quadrangle. Old, dissected alluvial fan deposits underlie low hills near Lake Merritt. The remainder of the flat-lying areas throughout Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, and Berkeley are underlain by younger alluvial and estuarine deposits. Surficial geology is discussed in more detail in Section 1 of this report.

The bedrock geology of the Oakland and Berkeley area is characterized by two highly deformed Mesozoic basement assemblages that are unconformably overlain by Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic rocks. The two Mesozoic basement complexes are the Great Valley Complex and the Franciscan Complex (Graymer, 2000). They are separated by the Hayward Fault, which extends through the extreme northeastern corner of the quadrangle. The Franciscan Complex underlies areas on the southwest side of the Hayward Fault. The Great Valley Complex underlies steep slopes of the Oakland-Berkeley Hills on the northeast side of the fault. Tertiary bedrock units are not exposed in the Oakland West Quadrangle. However, they are widely exposed to the east and north.

The Great Valley Complex includes the Coast Range Ophiolite, which is composed of serpentinite, gabbro, diabase, basalt and keratophyre (altered silicic volcanic rock), and the Great Valley Sequence, which is composed of sandstone, conglomerate and shale of Jurassic and Cretaceous age. The ophiolitic rocks are the remnants of arc-related ocean crust (Graymer, 2000). The Great Valley Sequence consists of turbidites that were deposited on top of the crustal rocks. In the Oakland West Quadrangle, silica-carbonate rock (sc) is the only unit of the Coast Range Ophiolite that is exposed. This unit is a hard, brittle rock that was formed by hydrothermal alteration of serpentinite (Graymer, 2000). Two units of the Great Valley Sequence are exposed in the map area. The Knoxville Formation (KJk) consists of silt and clay shale with thin interbeds of sandstone. An unnamed sandstone and shale unit of Cretaceous age (Ku) is also mapped in the study area (Graymer, 2000).

The Franciscan Complex is composed of weakly to strongly metamorphosed graywacke, basalt, argillite, chert and other rocks. The Franciscan Complex was accreted beneath the Great Valley Complex by subduction. During subduction, the Franciscan rocks were intensely sheared and tectonically mixed, producing a melange of small to large blocks of various rock types embedded in matrix of crushed rock material. Two units of the Franciscan Complex are mapped in the study area (Graymer, 2000). Franciscan Complex melange (KJfm) of Cretaceous and/or Late Jurassic age consists of sheared argillite, graywacke and green tuff with blocks of graywacke, chert, shale, greenstone basalt, and high-grade metamorphic blocks (glaucophane schist, amphibolite and eclogite). An undivided sandstone member (KJfs) of Late Cretaceous to Late Jurassic age consists of graywacke and meta-graywacke.

Structural Geology

The bedrock structure in the east bay hills is the result of a complex deformational history. Deformation included Mesozoic and early Tertiary subduction and accretion, early to mid-Tertiary uplift and attenuation faulting and, finally, a period of strike-slip and reverse faulting that began in late Miocene time and continues to be active today.

The primary structure in the study area is the Hayward Fault, a seismically active,right-lateral, strike-slip fault with an estimated slip rate of about 9mm per year. The Hayward Fault extends through the extreme northeastern corner of the map area. The fault is actively creeping in Berkeley and other East Bay cities, as manifested by offset curbs, streets, buildings and other structures at numerous locations. A notable example of creep is the offset of part of the structure of the U.C. Berkeley stadium. Total slip on the Hayward Fault has been estimated to be about 95 km. (Graymer, 2000). Lienkaemper (1992) has mapped the inferred location of the active trace of the Hayward Fault in detail. Other traces are shown on earlier geologic maps (Smith, 1980; Radbruch-Hall, 1974).

Associated with the main trace are numerous splays and subsidiary traces that may accommodate secondary movements or that may be slightly older abandoned traces. Bedrock units in the vicinity of the Hayward Fault Zone have been complexly offset and juxtaposed along the main trace and it's associated subsidiary traces.

Bedrock units in the map area on the east side of the Hayward Fault have been steeply tilted and strongly folded. Several prominent northwest-trending fold axes are mapped east of the study area (Graymer, 2000). In the Oakland West Quadrangle, Jurassic and Cretaceous strata of the Great Valley Sequence generally dip moderately to steeply to the northeast or southwest. Franciscan rocks west of the Hayward Fault are tectonically mixed and do not display consistent bedding orientations.

Landslide Inventory

As a part of the geologic data compilation, an inventory of existing landslides in Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont and Alameda was prepared by field reconnaissance, analysis of stereo-paired aerial photographs and a review of previously published landslide mapping. Landslides were mapped at a scale of 1:24,000. For each landslide included on the map a number of characteristics (attributes) were compiled. These characteristics include the confidence of interpretation (definite, probable and questionable) and other properties, such as activity, thickness, and associated geologic unit(s). Landslides rated as definite and probable were carried into the slope stability analysis. Landslides rated as questionable were not carried into the slope stability analysis due to the uncertainty of their existence. The completed landslide map was scanned, digitized, and the attributes were compiled in a database.

For preparation of our landslide inventory, we reviewed pertinent sources including: Lawson (1914), Louderback (1951), Radbruch (1957, 1969), Taylor and Brabb (1972), Nilsen (1973a, 1973b, 1975), Blake and others (1974), Nilsen and others (1976), and Graymer and others (1996). Landslide features identified from these sources were re-evaluated during the aerial photograph interpretation and limited field reconnaissance conducted for this investigation. Some of the landslide features identified in the previous work were not included in the landslide inventory because during our re-evaluation it was concluded that some of the mapped features were not landslides. In other places, additional landslides were identified or the boundaries of many of the landslides were modified from the previous work. The landslide inventory also included review of records of historical landslide occurrences that were in the files of the City of Oakland. All of the landslide events obtained from the City of Oakland files were interpreted as definite slope failures and were included in the inventory.

In general, landslides are abundant in the hillside areas of Oakland and Berkeley. However, none have been mapped in the small hillside areas within the Oakland West Quadrangle. Landslides mapped in the Richmond, Oakland East and Briones Valley quadrangles are discussed in more detail in the evaluation reports for those quadrangles.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Geologic Material Strength

To evaluate the stability of geologic materials under earthquake conditions, the geologic map units described above were ranked and grouped on the basis of their shear strength. Generally, the primary source for shear-strength measurements is geotechnical reports prepared by consultants on file with local government permitting departments. Shear-strength data for the units identified on the Oakland West Quadrangle geologic map were obtained from cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Piedmont, Alameda County, the University of California at Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Berlogar Geotechnical Consultants, Harza Engineering Company, and the CGS Environmental Review Project (see Appendix A). The locations of rock and soil samples taken for shear testing within the Oakland West Quadrangle are shown on Plate 2.1. Shear tests from the adjoining Richmond, Briones Valley, Oakland East, San Leandro and Hayward quadrangles were used to augment data for several geologic formations for which little or no shear test information was available within the Oakland West Quadrangle.

Shear strength data gathered from the above sources were compiled for each geologic map unit. Geologic units were grouped on the basis of average angle of internal friction (average phi) and lithologic character. This study relied heavily upon the data and analyses previously conducted for the zone map prepared for the City of Oakland (DOC, 1999). This previous work incorporated evaluations of shear strength parameters for geologic units that do not occur within the Oakland West Quadrangle. Nevertheless, because these other geologic units significantly controlled the development of the shear strength groups for formations that do occur in the Oakland West Quadrangle, they were incorporated into the slope stability analyses and are shown on Table 2.1. Table 2.2 lists by strength group only those geologic units found in the Oakland West Quadrangle. An average (mean or median) phi value for each geologic strength group was used in our slope stability analysis. A geologic material strength map was made based on the groupings presented in Tables 2.1 and 2.2, and this map provides a spatial representation of material strength for use in the slope stability analysis.

A number of geologic formations were subdivided further, as described below.

Adverse Bedding Conditions

Adverse bedding conditions are an important consideration in slope stability analyses. Adverse bedding conditions occur where the dip direction of bedded sedimentary rocks is roughly the same as the slope aspect, and where the dip magnitude is less than the slope gradient. Under these conditions, landslides can slip along bedding surfaces due to a lack of lateral support.

To account for adverse bedding in our slope stability evaluation, we used geologic structural data in combination with digital terrain data to identify areas with potentially adverse bedding, using methods similar to those of Brabb (1983). The structural data, derived from the geologic map database, were used to categorize areas of common bedding dip direction and magnitude. The dip direction was then compared to the slope aspect and, if the same, the dip magnitude and slope gradient categories were compared. If the dip magnitude category was less than or equal to the slope gradient category, but greater than 25 percent (4:1 slope), the area was marked as a potential adverse bedding area.

Most bedrock formations within the Oakland West Quadrangle have the stratigraphic and material strength characteristics conducive to adverse bedding conditions. These formations, which contain interbedded sandstone and shale, were subdivided based on shear strength differences between coarse-grained (higher strength) and fine-grained (lower strength) lithologies. Shear strength values for the fine- and coarse-grained lithologies were then applied to areas of favorable and adverse bedding orientation, which were determined from structural and terrain data as discussed above. It was assumed that coarse-grained material strength dominates where bedding dips into a slope (favorable bedding) while fine-grained material strength dominates where bedding dips out of a slope (adverse bedding). The geologic material strength map was modified by assigning the lower, fine-grained shear strength values to areas where potential adverse bedding conditions were identified. The favorable and adverse bedding shear strength parameters are included in Tables 2.1.

Existing Landslides

No landslides were identified within the Oakland West Quadrangle.

OAKLAND WEST QUADRANGLE
SHEAR STRENGTH GROUPS

	Formation Name	Number Tests	Mean/Median Phi (deg)	Mean/Median Group Phi (deg)	Mean/Median Group C (psf)	No Data: Similar Lithology	Phi Values Used in Stability Analyses
GROUP 1	Tsm(fbc)	5	40/41	41/41	535/500		41
	Tush(fbc)	2	40/40				
	KJfs(fbc)*	3	43/50				
GROUP 2	Tcc(fbc)	4	33/30	33/33	628/450		33
	Tes(fbc)	1	31/31				
	Tmb(fbc)	2	35/37				
	Tor(fbc)	37	32/31				
	Kfn(fbc)	11	33/33				
	Kjm(fbc)	28	33/33				
	Ko(fbc)	14	34/35				
	Kr(fbc)	3	34/33				
	Ksc(fbc)	1	32/32				
	Ku(fbc)*	15	32/31				
	KJf(fbc)	4	33/32				
	KJfm(fbc)*	11	35/35				
	Jgb	17	31/32				
	Jsv	28	31/33				
GROUP 3	af*	40	28/28	28/27	491/315	ac, Qds*, Qhbs*, Qhc*, Qop*, Qha*, Qbt*	28
	Qhf*	32	27/26				
	Qhms	9	27/28				
	Tcc(abc)	3	29/30				
	Jb	3	28/27				
GROUP 4	Qhl*	2	23/23	23/22	656/315	afbm* Qf*	23
	Qmt	3	21/21				
	Qpf*	42	24/24				
	Qof*	11	24/23				
	Ta(abc)	2	25/25				
	Tes(abc)	2	25/25				
	Tmb(abc)	4	24/23				
	Tor(abc)	28	21/21				
	Tsm(abc)	12	24/23				
	Kfn(abc)	10	21/20				
	Kjm(abc)	20	21/23				
	Ko(abc)	13	22/23				
	Kr(abc)	10	21/22				
	Ksc(abc)	4	24/21				
	Ku(abc)*	51	22/21				
	KJf(abc)	1	25/25				
	KJfm(abc)*	21	23/22				
	KJfs(abc)*	5	21/18				
	KJk(abc)*	7	24/26				
	Jsp	4	24/25				

abc = adverse bedding condition, fine-grained material strength

fbc = favorable bedding condition, coarse-grained material strength

* = These formations occur within the Oakland West Quadrangle

Bedrock formation abbreviations for strength groups from Graymer (2000); Quaternary unit abbreviations from Knudsen and others (2000)

Table 2.1. Summary of the Shear Strength Statistics for the Oakland West Quadrangle.

SHEAR STRENGTH GROUPS FOR THE OAKLAND WEST 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE			
GROUP 1	**GROUP 2**	**GROUP 3**	**GROUP 4**
KJfs(fbc)	**Ku(fbc), KJk(fbc) KJfm(fbc)**	**af, ac, Qds, Qhbs, Qhf, Qhc, Qop Qha Qbt**	**afbm, Qhl, Qpf, Qof, Qf Ku(abc), KJfm(abc) KJfs(abc), KJk(abc)**

Table 2.2. Summary of Shear Strength Groups for Geologic Formations that Occur within the Oakland West Quadrangle.

PART II

EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE HAZARD POTENTIAL

Design Strong-Motion Record

To evaluate earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential in the study area, a method of dynamic slope stability analysis developed by Newmark (1965) was used. The Newmark method analyzes dynamic slope stability by calculating the cumulative down-slope displacement for a given earthquake strong-motion time history. As implemented for the preparation of earthquake-induced landslide zones, the Newmark method necessitates the selection of a design earthquake strong-motion record to provide the "ground shaking opportunity."

Because the active Hayward Fault traverses diagonally through the northeastern corner of the Oakland West Quadrangle, the selection of a strong motion record was based on the desire to simulate a large earthquake on the Hayward Fault. The Hayward Fault is a right-lateral strike-slip fault with a total length of approximately 86 kilometers, and an estimated maximum moment magnitude of 7.1 (Petersen and others, 1996). The hilly areas of the quadrangle range from zero to about 5 kilometers from the seismic source. Strong-motion records considered in the selection include: the CGS Strong Motion Instrumentation Program (SMIP) Corralitos record from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake; the Southern California Edison (SCE) Lucerne record from the 1992 Landers earthquake; and the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) Kobe City record from the 1995 Hyogoken-Nambu (Kobe) earthquake. The significant parameters for each of these earthquakes are listed below:

Strong-Motion Record	Moment Magnitude	Source to Site Distance (km)	PGA (g)
SMIP Corralitos	6.9	5.1	0.64
SCE Lucerne	7.3	1.1	0.80
JMA Kobe	6.9	0.6	0.82

The Corralitos record was eliminated because the fault motion was oblique, rather than purely strike-slip, and because of the relatively short rupture length. The Kobe record was eliminated because of uncertainties regarding the effects of topographic and basin-edge amplification at the recording site. Despite the slightly higher than expected magnitude, the Lucerne record from the 1992 Landers earthquake was used because it has many tectonic similarities to an earthquake on the Hayward Fault.

The selected strong-motion record was not scaled or otherwise modified prior to analysis.

Displacement Calculation

The design strong-motion record was used to develop a relationship between landslide displacement and yield acceleration (a_y), defined as the earthquake horizontal ground acceleration above which landslide displacements take place. This relationship was prepared by integrating the design strong-motion record twice for a given acceleration value to find the corresponding displacement, and the process was repeated for a range of acceleration values (Jibson, 1993). The resulting curve in Figure 2.1 represents the full spectrum of displacements that can be expected for the design strong-motion record. This curve provides the required link between anticipated earthquake shaking and estimates of displacement for different combinations of geologic materials and slope gradient, as described in the Slope Stability Analysis section below.

The amount of displacement predicted by the Newmark analysis provides an indication of the relative amount of damage that could be caused by earthquake-induced landsliding. Displacements of 30, 15 and 5 cm were used as criteria for rating levels of earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential based on the work of Youd (1980), Wilson and Keefer (1983), and a CGS pilot study for earthquake-induced landslides (McCrink and Real, 1996; McCrink, 2001). Applied to the curve in Figure 2.1, these displacements correspond to yield accelerations of 0.14, 0.18 and 0.24g. Because these yield acceleration values are derived from the design strong-motion record, they represent the ground shaking opportunity thresholds that are significant in the Oakland West Quadrangle.

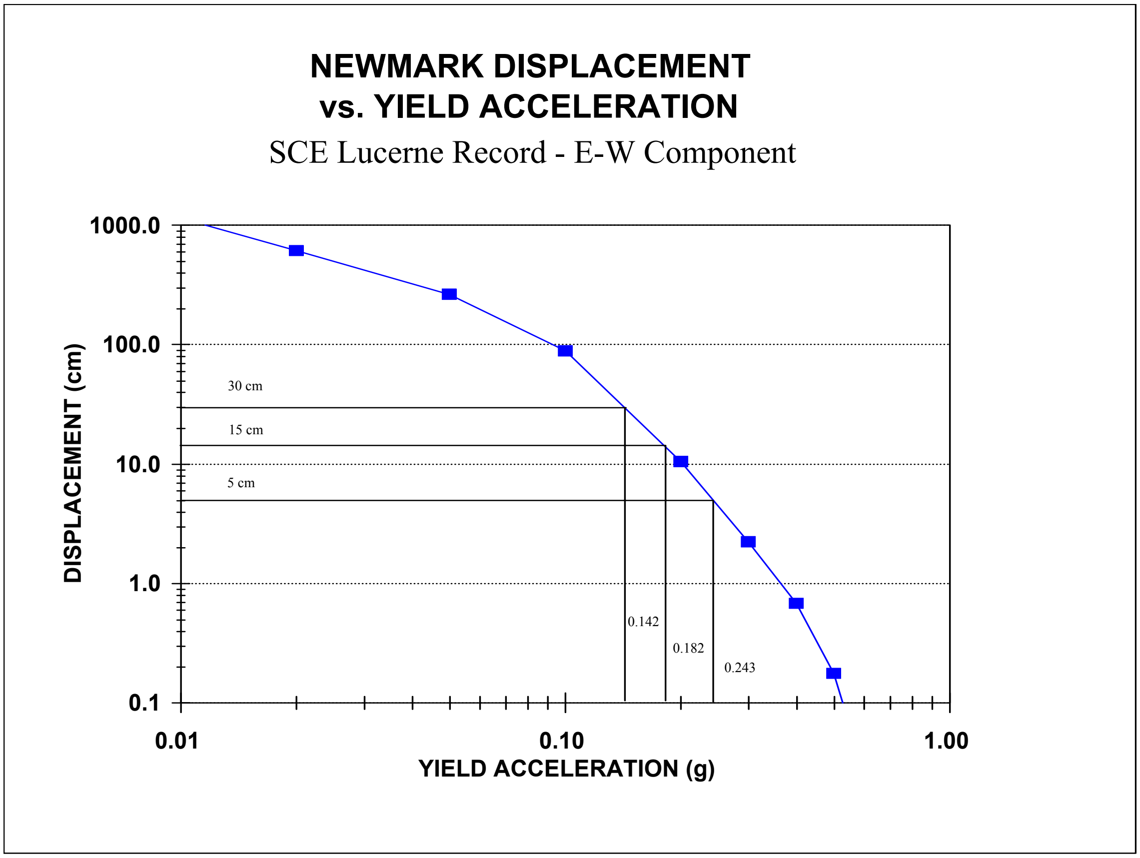

Figure 2.1. Yield Acceleration vs. Newmark Displacement for the Southern California Edison Lucerne Record.

Slope Stability Analysis

A slope stability analysis was performed for each geologic material strength group at slope increments of 1 degree. An infinite-slope failure model under unsaturated slope conditions was assumed. A factor of safety was calculated first, followed by the calculation of yield acceleration from Newmark's equation:

$$a_y = (FS - 1)g \sin \alpha$$

where **FS** is the Factor of Safety, **g** is the acceleration due to gravity, and α is the direction of movement of the slide mass, in degrees measured from the horizontal, when displacement is initiated (Newmark, 1965). For an infinite slope failure α is the same as the slope angle.

The yield accelerations resulting from Newmark's equations represent the susceptibility to earthquake-induced failure of each geologic material strength group for a range of slope gradients. Based on the relationship between yield acceleration and Newmark displacement shown in Figure 2.1, hazard potentials were assigned as follows:

1. If the calculated yield acceleration was less than 0.14 g, Newmark displacement greater than 30 cm is indicated, and a HIGH hazard potential was assigned

2. If the calculated yield acceleration fell between 0.14 g and 0.18 g, Newmark displacement between 15 cm and 30 cm is indicated, and a MODERATE hazard potential was assigned

3. If the calculated yield acceleration fell between 0.18 g and 0.24 g, Newmark displacement between 5 cm and 15 cm is indicated, and a LOW hazard potential was assigned

4. If the calculated yield acceleration was greater than 0.24 g, Newmark displacement of less than 5 cm is indicated, and a VERY LOW potential was assigned

Table 2.3 summarizes the results of the stability analyses. The earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential map was prepared by combining the geologic material-strength map and the slope map according to this table.

OAKLAND WEST QUADRANGLE HAZARD POTENTIAL MATRIX				
Geologic Material Strength Group (Average Phi)	HAZARD POTENTIAL (Percent Slope)			
	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
1 (41)	0 to 59%	60 to 65%	66 to 69%	70%+
2 (33)	0 to 38%	39 to 44%	45 to 49%	50%+
3 (28)	0 to 27%	28 to 33%	34 to 37%	38%+
4 (23)	0 to 18%	19 to 23%	24 to 27%	28%+

Table 2.3. Hazard Potential Matrix for Earthquake-Induced Landslides in the Oakland West Quadrangle. Values in the table show the range of slope gradient (expressed as percent slope) corresponding to calculated Newmark displacement ranges from the design earthquake for each material strength group.

EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE HAZARD ZONE

Criteria for Zoning

Earthquake-induced landslide zones were delineated using criteria adopted by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 2000). Under these criteria, earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones are defined as areas that meet one or both of the following conditions:

1. Areas that have been identified as having experienced landslide movement in the past, including all mappable landslide deposits and source areas as well as any landslide that is known to have been triggered by historic earthquake activity.

2. Areas where the geologic and geotechnical data and analyses indicate that the earth materials may be susceptible to earthquake-induced slope failure.

These conditions are discussed in further detail in the following sections.

Existing Landslides

No existing landslides were found in the Oakland West Quadrangle.

Geologic and Geotechnical Analysis

Based on the conclusions of a pilot study performed by CGS (McCrink and Real, 1996; McCrink, 2001), it has been concluded that earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones should encompass all areas that have a High, Moderate or Low level of hazard potential (see Table 2.3). This would include all areas where the analyses indicate earthquake displacements of 5 centimeters or greater. Areas with a Very Low hazard potential, indicating less than 5 centimeters displacement, are excluded from the zone.

As summarized in Table 2.3, all areas characterized by the following geologic strength group and slope gradient conditions are included in the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone:

1. Geologic Strength Group 4 is included for all slopes steeper than 18 percent.

2. Geologic Strength Group 3 is included for all slopes steeper than 27 percent.

3. Geologic Strength Group 2 is included for all slopes steeper than 38 percent.

4. Geologic Strength Group 1 is included for all slopes steeper than 59 percent.

This results in less than one percent of the land area in the Oakland West Quadrangle lying within the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone.

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APPENDIX A
SOURCE OF ROCK STRENGTH DATA

SOURCE	NUMBER OF TESTS SELECTED
City of Oakland	**243**
Alameda County	**101**
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory	**41**
University of California at Berkeley	**36**
Berlogar Geotechnical Consultants	**31**
City of Berkeley	**20**
Harza Engineering Company	**12**
City of Piedmont	**8**
CGS Environmental Review Project	**3**
TOTAL	**495**

SECTION 3
GROUND SHAKING EVALUATION REPORT

Potential Ground Shaking in the Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Alameda County, California

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PURPOSE

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) [now called California Geological Survey (CGS)] to delineate Seismic Hazard Zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use the Seismic Hazard Zone Maps in their land-use planning and permitting processes. The Act requires that site-specific geotechnical investigations be performed prior to permitting most urban development projects within the hazard zones. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines established by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 1997). The text of this report is on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/SHMPsp117.asp

This section of the evaluation report summarizes the ground motions used to evaluate liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslide potential for zoning purposes. Included are ground motion and related maps, a brief overview on how these maps were prepared, precautionary notes concerning their use, and related references. The maps provided herein are presented at a scale of approximately 1:150,000 (scale bar provided on maps), and show the full 7.5-minute quadrangle and portions of the adjacent eight quadrangles. They can be used to assist in the specification of earthquake loading conditions ***for the analysis of ground failure*** according to the “Simple Prescribed Parameter Value” method (SPPV) described in the site investigation guidelines (DOC, 1997). Alternatively, they can be used as a basis for comparing levels of ground motion determined by other methods with the statewide standard.

This section and Sections 1 and 2 (addressing liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslide hazards) constitute a report series that summarizes development of seismic hazard zone maps in the state. Additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California can be accessed on the California Geological Survey's Internet page: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MODEL

The estimated ground shaking is derived from the statewide probabilistic seismic hazard evaluation released cooperatively by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology [California Geological Survey], and the U.S. Geological Survey (Petersen and others, 1996). That report documents an extensive 3-year effort to obtain consensus within the scientific community regarding fault parameters that characterize the seismic hazard in California. Fault sources included in the model were evaluated for long-term slip rate, maximum earthquake magnitude, and rupture geometry. These fault parameters, along with historical seismicity, were used to estimate return times of moderate to large earthquakes that contribute to the hazard.

The ground shaking levels are estimated for each of the sources included in the seismic source model using attenuation relations that relate earthquake shaking with magnitude, distance from the earthquake, and type of fault rupture (strike-slip, reverse, normal, or subduction). The published hazard evaluation of Petersen and others (1996) only considers uniform firm-rock site conditions. In this report, however, we extend the hazard analysis to include the hazard of exceeding peak horizontal ground acceleration (PGA) at 10 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years on spatially uniform conditions of rock, soft rock, and alluvium. These soil and rock conditions approximately correspond to site categories defined in Chapter 16 of the Uniform Building Code (ICBO, 1997), which are commonly found in California. We use the attenuation relations of Boore and others (1997), Campbell (1997), Sadigh and others (1997), and Youngs and others (1997) to calculate the ground motions.

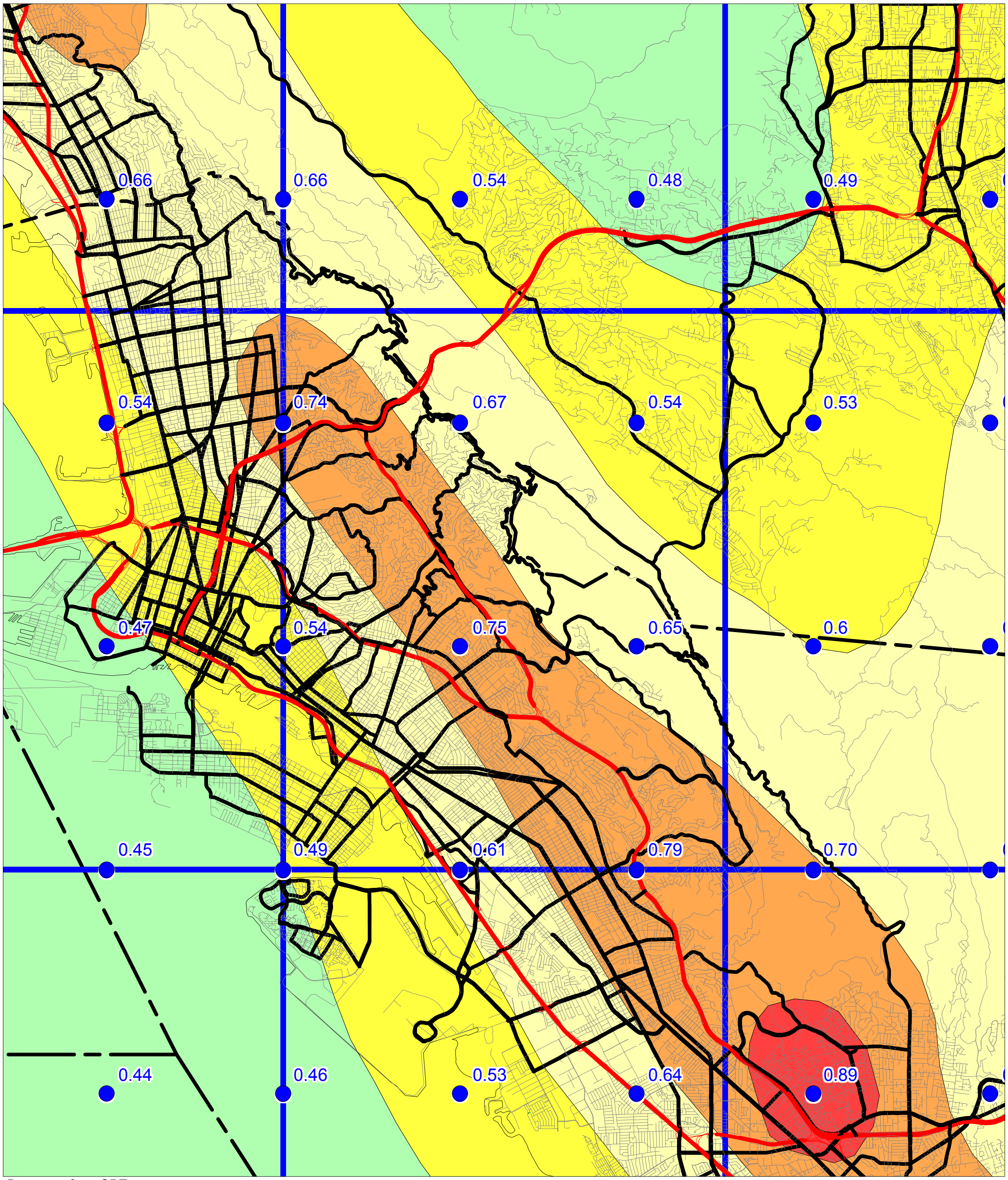
The seismic hazard maps for ground shaking are produced by calculating the hazard at sites separated by about 5 km. Figures 3.1 through 3.3 show the hazard for PGA at 10 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years assuming the entire map area is firm rock, soft rock, or alluvial site conditions respectively. The sites where the hazard is calculated are represented as dots and ground motion contours as shaded regions. The quadrangle of interest is outlined by bold lines and centered on the map. Portions of the eight

OAKLAND WEST 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (g)

1998

FIRM ROCK CONDITIONS



Base map from GDT

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Figure 3.1

OAKLAND WEST 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (g)

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SOFT ROCK CONDITIONS

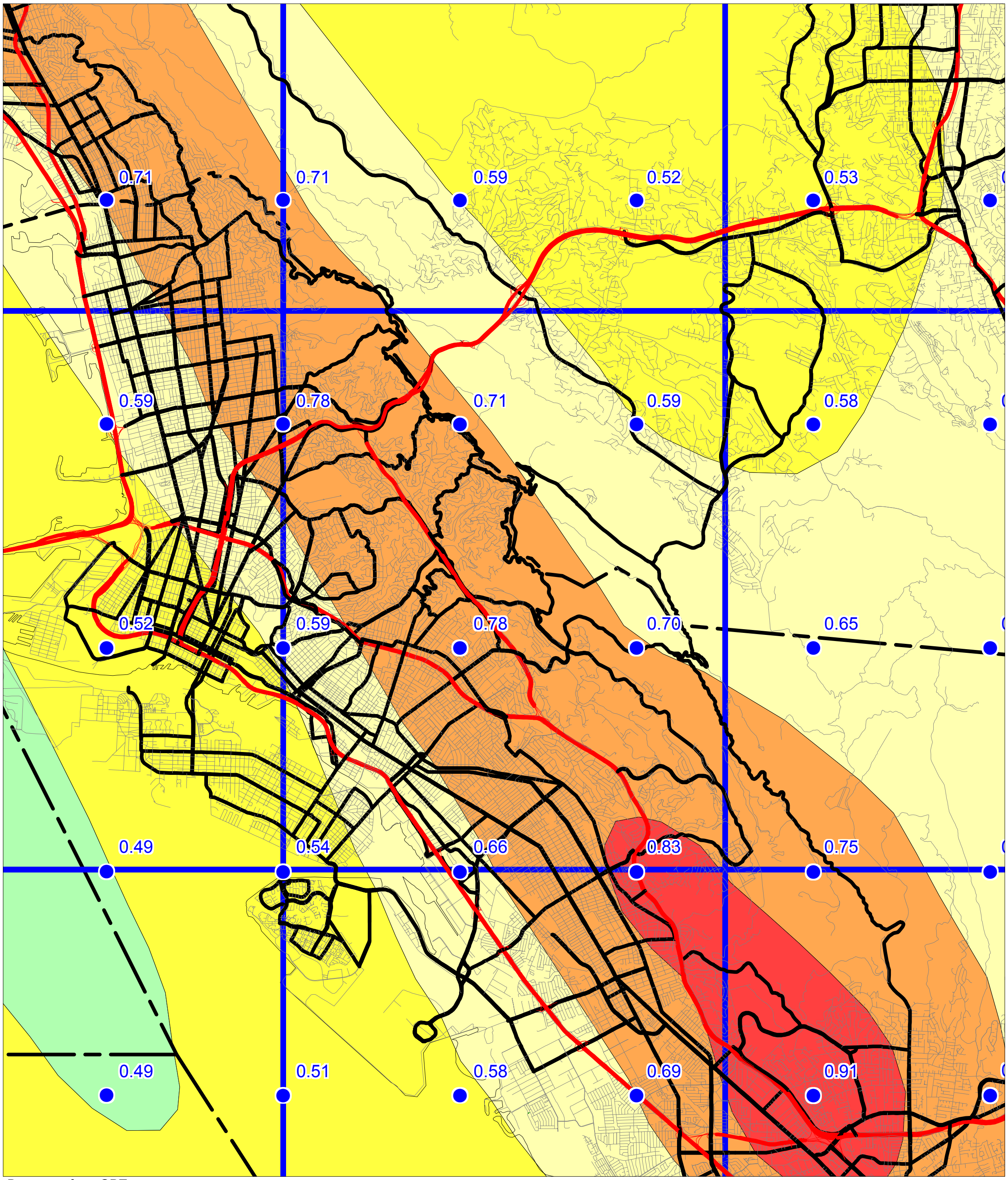

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Figure 3.2

OAKLAND WEST 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (g)

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ALLUVIUM CONDITIONS

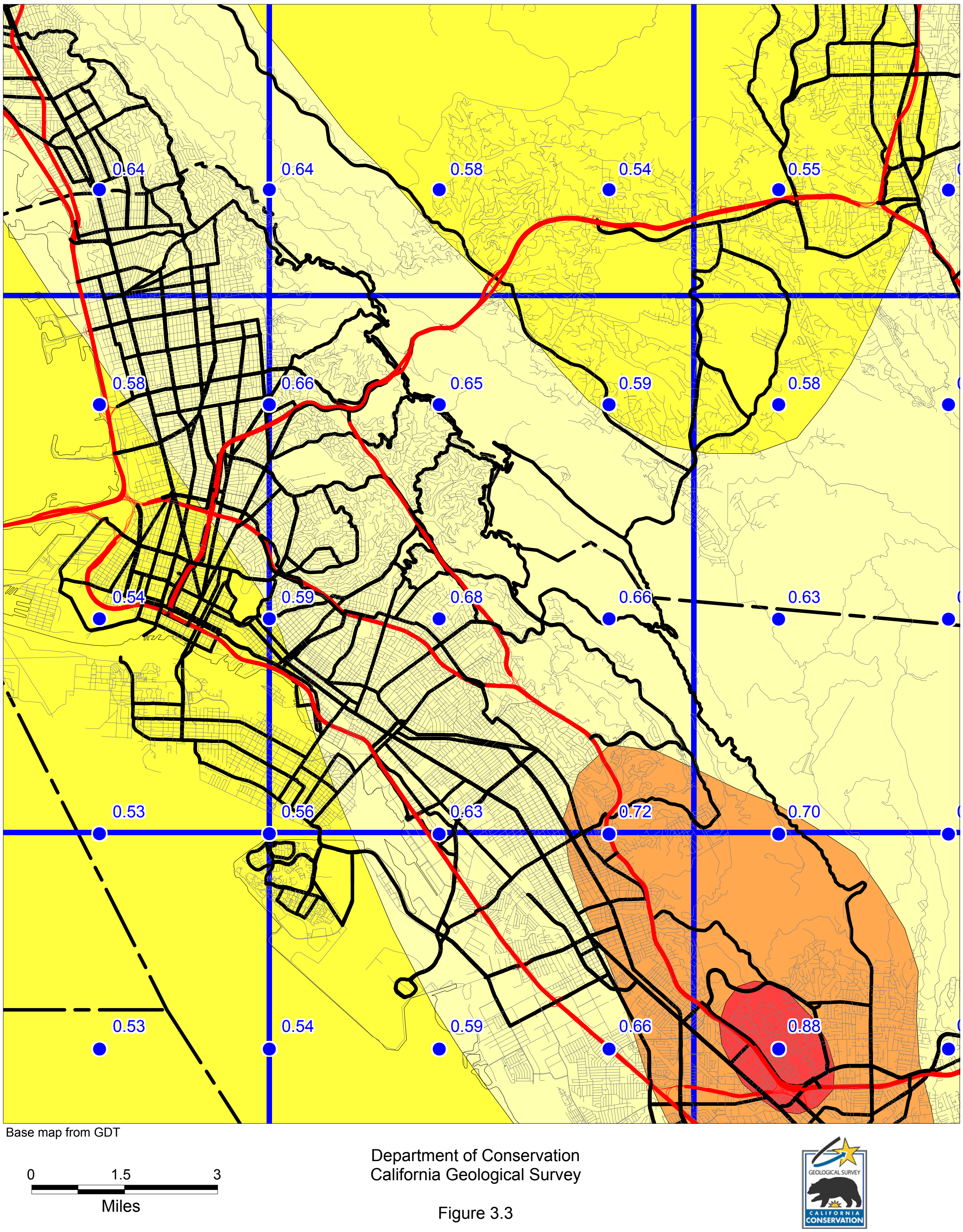

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Figure 3.3

adjacent quadrangles are also shown so that the trends in the ground motion may be more apparent. We recommend estimating ground motion values by selecting the map that matches the actual site conditions, and interpolating from the calculated values of PGA rather than the contours, since the points are more accurate.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUEFACTION AND LANDSLIDE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

Deaggregation of the seismic hazard identifies the contribution of each of the earthquakes (various magnitudes and distances) in the model to the ground motion hazard for a particular exposure period (see Cramer and Petersen, 1996). The map in Figure 3.4 identifies the magnitude and the distance (value in parentheses) of the earthquake that contributes most to the hazard at 10 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years on alluvial site conditions (*predominant earthquake*). This information gives a rationale for selecting a seismic record or ground motion level in evaluating ground failure. However, it is important to keep in mind that more than one earthquake may contribute significantly to the hazard at a site, and those events can have markedly different magnitudes and distances. For liquefaction hazard the predominant earthquake magnitude from Figure 3.4 and PGA from Figure 3.3 (alluvium conditions) can be used with the Youd and Idriss (1997) approach to estimate cyclic stress ratio demand. For landslide hazard the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance can be used to select a seismic record that is consistent with the hazard for calculating the Newmark displacement (Wilson and Keefer, 1983). When selecting the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance, it is advisable to consider the range of values in the vicinity of the site and perform the ground failure analysis accordingly. This would yield a range in ground failure hazard from which recommendations appropriate to the specific project can be made. Grid values for predominant earthquake magnitude and distance should **not** be interpolated at the site location, because these parameters are not continuous functions.

A preferred method of using the probabilistic seismic hazard model and the “simplified Seed-Idriss method” of assessing liquefaction hazard is to apply magnitude scaling probabilistically while calculating peak ground acceleration for alluvium. The result is a “magnitude-weighted” ground motion (liquefaction opportunity) map that can be used directly in the calculation of the cyclic stress ratio threshold for liquefaction and for estimating the factor of safety against liquefaction (Youd and Idriss, 1997). This can provide a better estimate of liquefaction hazard than use of predominate magnitude described above, because all magnitudes contributing to the estimate are used to weight the probabilistic calculation of peak ground acceleration (Real and others, 2000). Thus, large distant earthquakes that occur less frequently but contribute *more* to the liquefaction hazard are appropriately accounted for.

Figure 3.5 shows the magnitude-weighted alluvial PGA based on Idriss’ weighting function (Youd and Idriss, 1997). It is important to note that the values obtained from this map are pseudo-accelerations and should be used in the formula for factor of safety without any magnitude-scaling (a factor of 1) applied.

OAKLAND WEST 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION

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PREDOMINANT EARTHQUAKE
Magnitude (Mw)
(Distance (km))

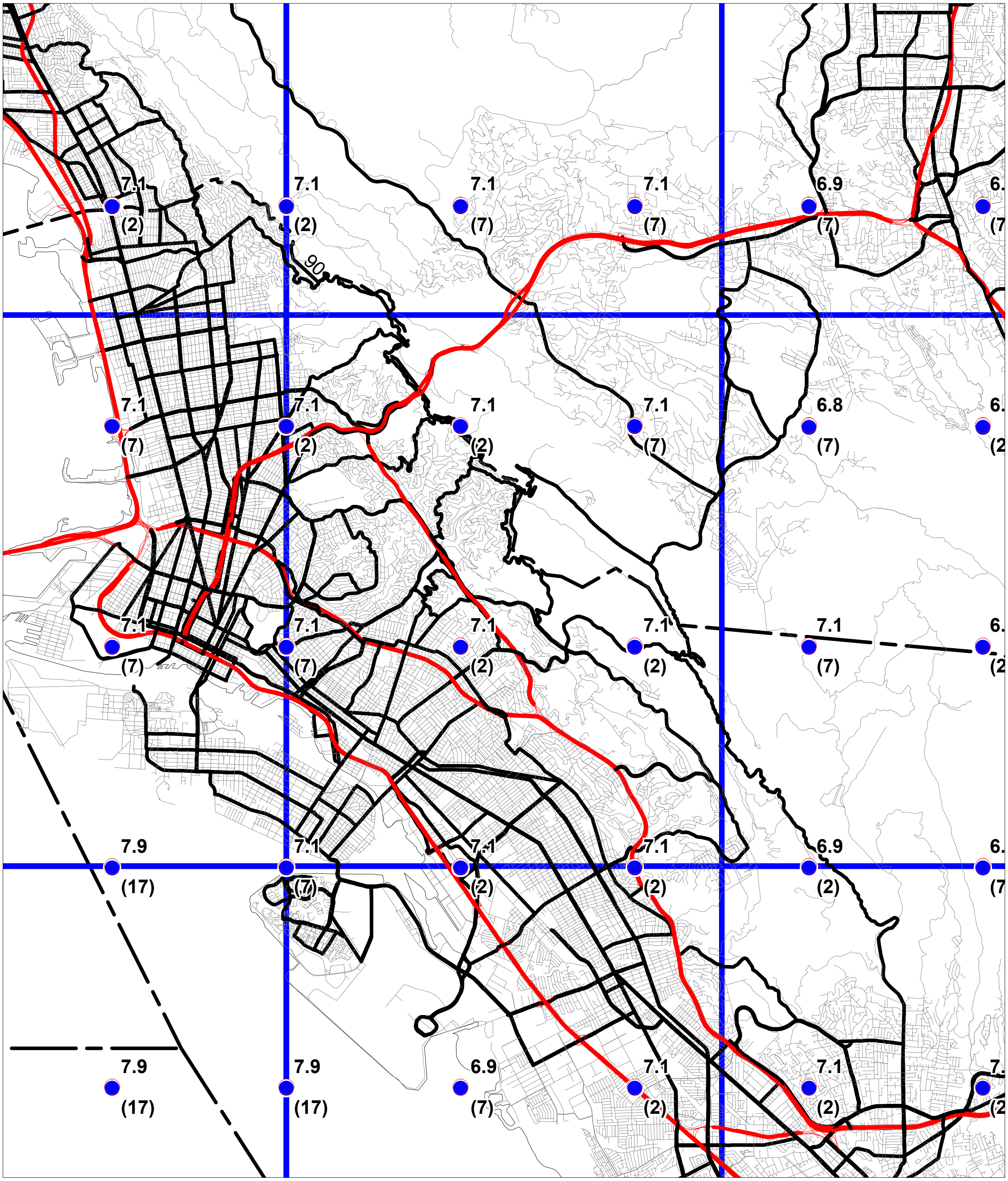

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Figure 3.4

OAKLAND WEST 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS MAGNITUDE-WEIGHTED PSEUDO-PEAK ACCELERATION (g) FOR ALLUVIUM

1998

LIQUEFACTION OPPORTUNITY

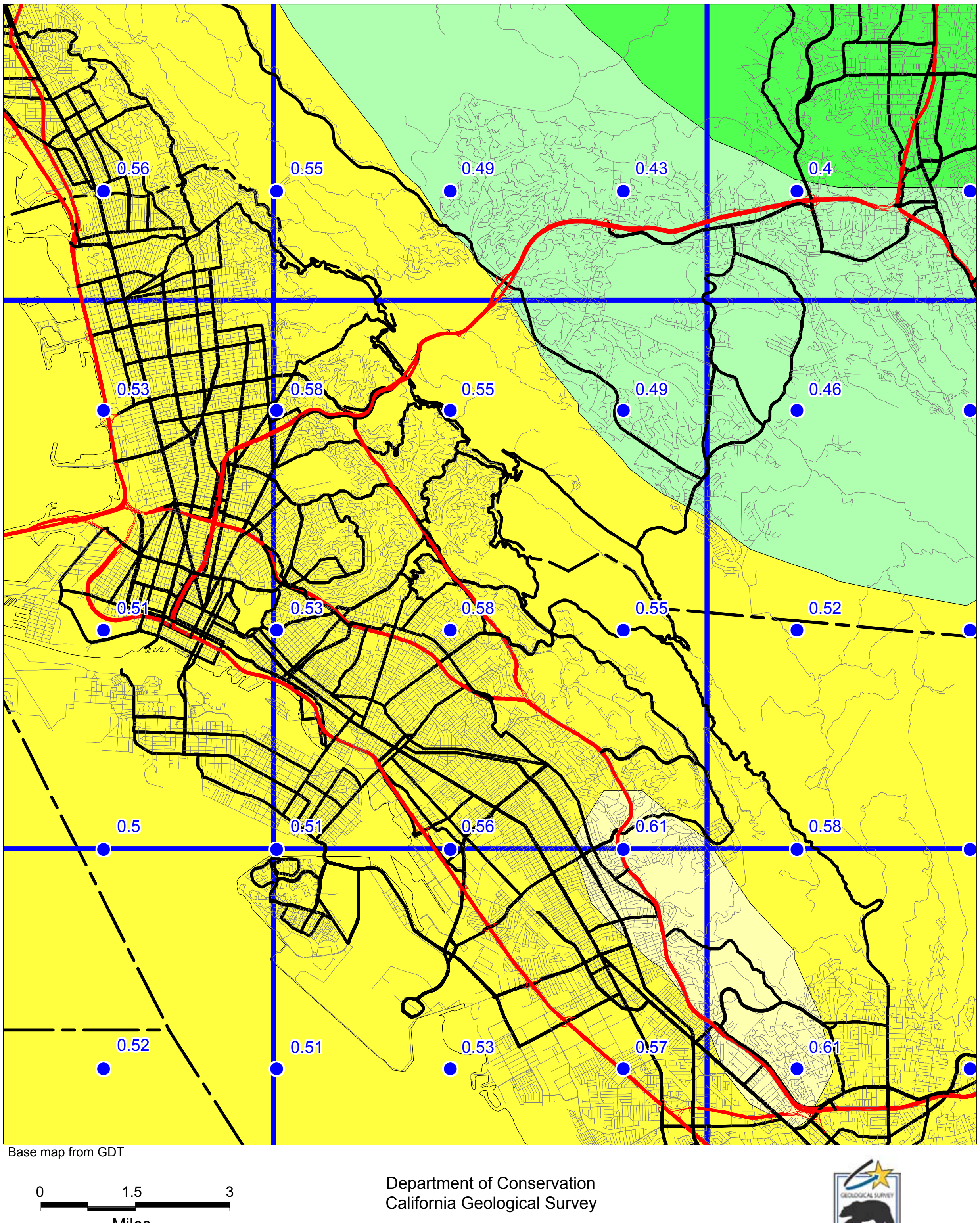

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Figure 3.5

USE AND LIMITATIONS

The statewide map of seismic hazard has been developed using regional information and is ***not appropriate for site specific structural design applications***. Use of the ground motion maps prepared at larger scale is limited to estimating earthquake loading conditions for preliminary assessment of ground failure at a specific location. We recommend consideration of site-specific analyses before deciding on the sole use of these maps for several reasons.

1. The seismogenic sources used to generate the peak ground accelerations were digitized from the 1:750,000-scale fault activity map of Jennings (1994). Uncertainties in fault location are estimated to be about 1 to 2 kilometers (Petersen and others, 1996). Therefore, differences in the location of calculated hazard values may also differ by a similar amount. At a specific location, however, the log-linear attenuation of ground motion with distance renders hazard estimates less sensitive to uncertainties in source location.

2. The hazard was calculated on a grid at sites separated by about 5 km (0.05 degrees). Therefore, the calculated hazard may be located a couple kilometers away from the site. We have provided shaded contours on the maps to indicate regional trends of the hazard model. However, the contours only show regional trends that may not be apparent from points on a single map. Differences of up to 2 km have been observed between contours and individual ground acceleration values. *We recommend that the user interpolate PGA between the grid point values rather than simply using the shaded contours*.

3. Uncertainties in the hazard values have been estimated to be about +/- 50 percent of the ground motion value at two standard deviations (Cramer and others, 1996).

4. Not all active faults in California are included in this model. For example, faults that do not have documented slip rates are not included in the source model. Scientific research may identify active faults that have not been previously recognized. Therefore, future versions of the hazard model may include other faults and omit faults that are currently considered.

5. A map of the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance is provided from the deaggregation of the probabilistic seismic hazard model. However, it is important to recognize that a site may have more than one earthquake that contributes significantly to the hazard. Therefore, in some cases earthquakes other than the predominant earthquake should also be considered.

Because of its simplicity, it is likely that the SPPV method (DOC, 1997) will be widely used to estimate earthquake shaking loading conditions for the evaluation of ground failure hazards. It should be kept in mind that ground motions at a given distance from an earthquake will vary depending on site-specific characteristics such as geology, soil properties, and topography, which may not have been adequately accounted for in the regional hazard analysis. Although this variance is represented to some degree by the recorded ground motions that form the basis of the hazard model used to produce Figures 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3, extreme deviations can occur. More sophisticated methods that take into account other factors that may be present at the site (site amplification, basin effects, near source effects, etc.) should be employed as warranted. The decision to use the SPPV method with ground motions derived from Figures 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 should be based on careful consideration of the above limitations, the geotechnical and seismological aspects of the project setting, and the "importance" or sensitivity of the proposed building with regard to occupant safety.

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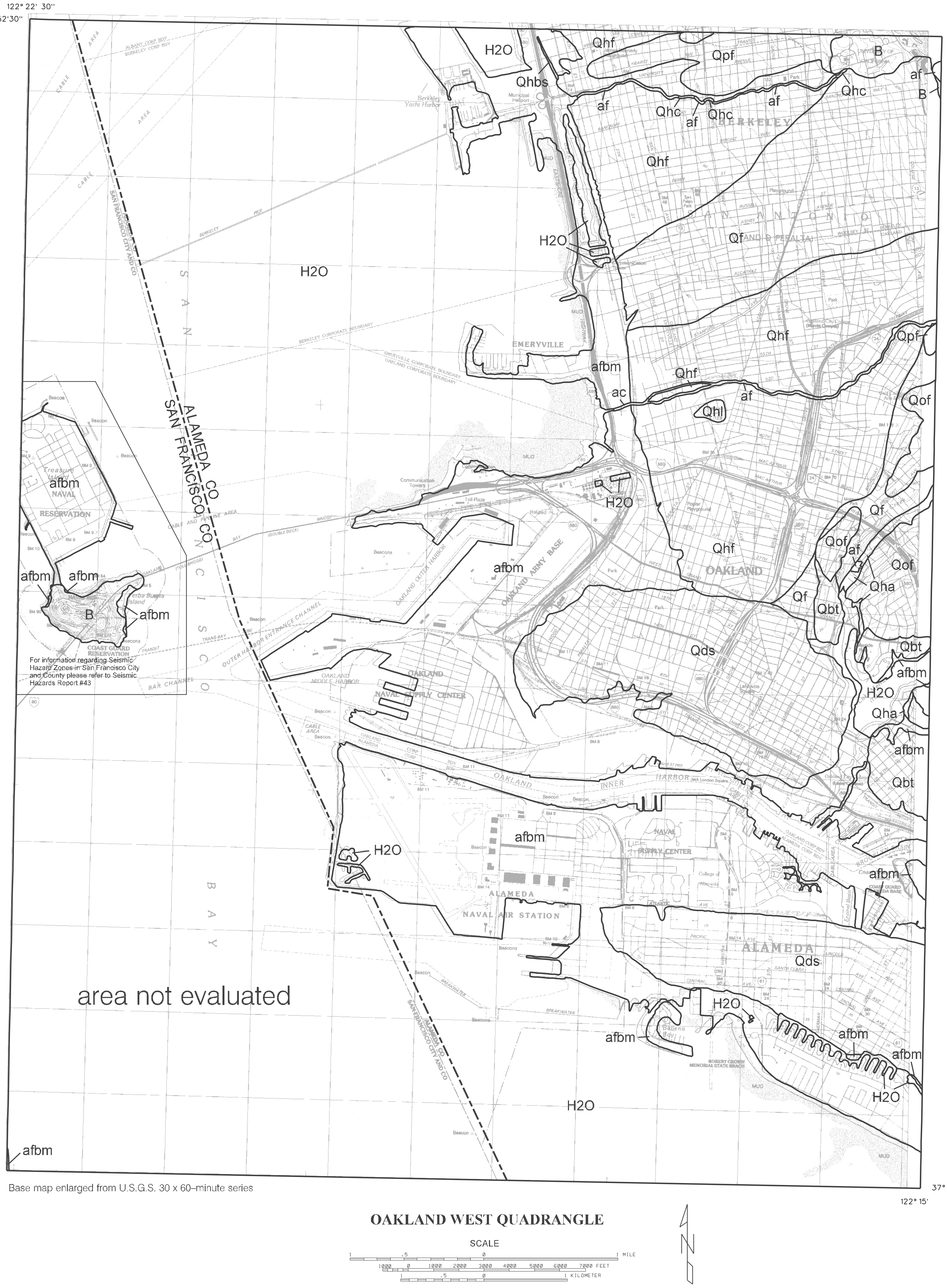
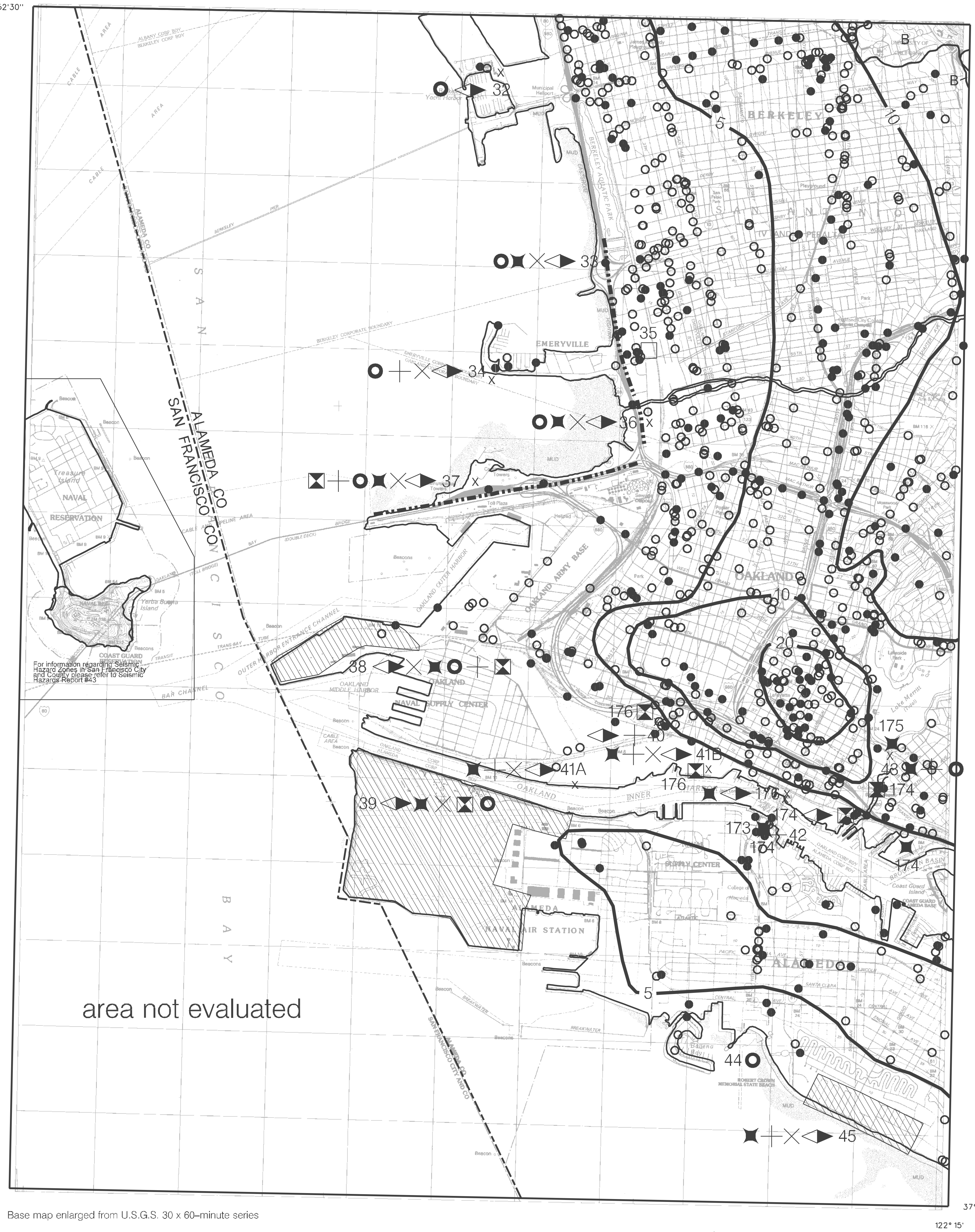


B = Pre-Quaternary bedrock.
See "Bedrock and Surficial Geology" in Section 1 of report for descriptions of units.

Plate 1.1 Quaternary geologic map of the Oakland West 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, California *(Unpublished mapping by R. Witter, Lettis & Associates, Inc.)*



Base map enlarged from U.S.G.S. 30 x 60–minute series

OAKLAND WEST QUADRANGLE

SCALE

Historical Ground Failures (from Knudsen and others, 2000)

- Miscellaneous effects
- Ground settlement
- Lateral spread
- Sand boil
- Pipeline break
- Cracks in streets or ground
- Absence of ground failure noted
- X Location of multiple ground effects. (See corresponding symbols)
- Areas within which multiple failures were recorded. Symbols show failure types.
- Stretch of highway along which multiple failures were recorded. Symbols show failure types.
- 174 Number assigned to ground failure site (adapted from Youd and Hoose (1978) and Tinsley and others (1998) by Knudsen and others (2000))
- 20 Depth to ground water, in feet (5, 10, 20 foot contours)
- Geotechnical borings used in liquefaction evaluation
- Ground-water level data provided by the California State Water Resources Control Board
- B Bedrock See "Bedrock and Surficial Geology" in Section 1 of report for descriptions of units.

Plate 1.2 Historical liquefaction sites, depth to historically highest ground water, and locations of boreholes used in this study, Oakland West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, California

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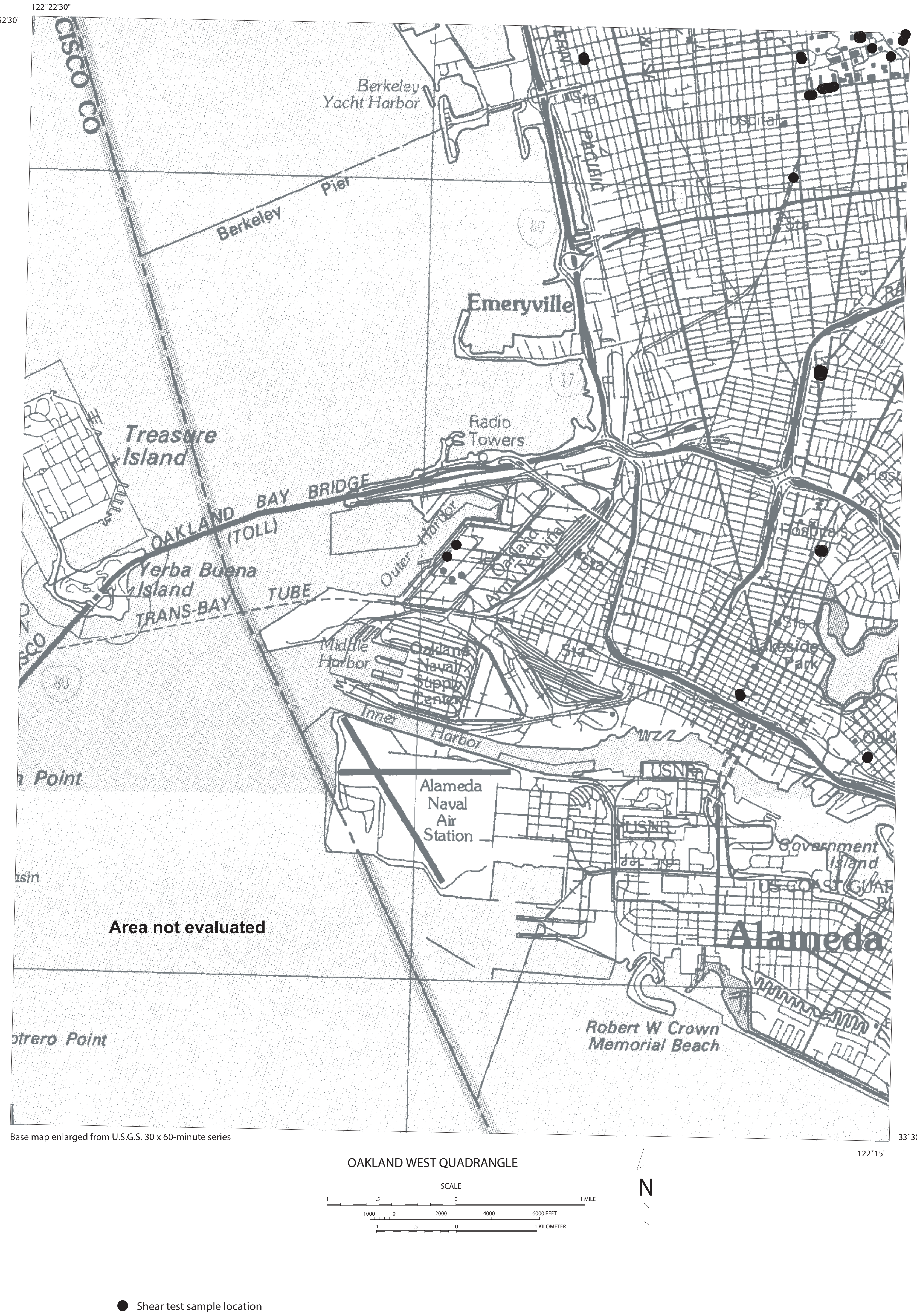

Plate 2.1 shear test sample locations Oakland Wet 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, California